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Meet & Greet with IRCC Deputy Minister
Monday, June 18
2:30 – 3:30 pm
Wilcox Conference Room, Office of the Director

Convener: Jennifer B. Higgins , Associate Director, RAIO (USCIS)

Participants:

- Marta Morgan, Deputy Minister, IRCC
- Paul MacKinnon, Assistant Deputy Minister, IRCC
- Fraser Valentine, Director General, Refugee Affairs Branch, IRCC
- Dean Barry, Counsellor, Embassy of Canada
- Ted Kim, acting Deputy Associate Director, RAIO (USCIS)
- John Lafferty, Division Chief, Asylum (USCIS)
- Ashely Caudill-Mirillo, acting Deputy Chief, Asylum (USCIS)
- Craig Symons, Chief Counsel (USCIS)
- Molly Groom, Deputy Chief Counsel (USCIS)
- Nathan Stiefel, Deputy Chief, Office of Policy and Strategy (USCIS)
- Nicole Compton, Office of International Affairs, DHS Policy
- Heather Roberts, Senior Liaison Officer, Embassy of Canada (IRCC/USCIS)

Agenda	**1. Welcome and Introductions** **2. Asylum Reforms**

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Armitage.Kayla

From: Mündel.Martin
Sent: June 13, 2018 10:54 AM
To: Baril.Andre; Leduc.Sandra
Cc: Gunshoner.Kim; Tanguay.Justin
Subject: FW: Draft Bullets for Bruce

Other comments to add?

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From: Gunshoner.Kim
Sent: June 13, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Mündel.Martin <Martin.Mundel@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Tanguay.Justin <Justin.Tanguay@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Draft Bullets for Bruce

Thanks for summary Justin. Over to you Martin.

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Armitage.Kayla

From: Valotaire.Andre
Sent: June 26, 2018 5:17 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra; Hollmann.Jason
Cc: Rudyk.Gene; Uzan.Karene; Baril.Andre; Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Vaughan.Daniel
Subject: FW: Potential meeting on Northern Triangle states and migration
Attachments: SGDE-EDRMS-#8296601-v2-DMA_DUS_McCament_Meeting_at_2018_Summit_of_the_Am....doc

Sandra and Jason :

Also copying Mexico MPM, IN HQ for their awareness and RAB

Will share any information that may come up from that call.

Regards,

André

From: Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR
Sent: June-26-18 5:05 PM
To: Thompson, Kevin -NGD; Wilshaw, Sara -NND; Khan, Tarik -NDD
Cc: Hillman, Kirsten -WSHDC -DHOM/CDMA; Garson, Ron -WSHDC -GR; Hartery, Lynn -WSHDC -GR; Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM
Subject: Potential meeting on Northern Triangle states and migration

Kevin, Tarik & Sara (as acting Martin):

Martin

From:
Sent: June-26-18 1:23 PM
To: Saunders, Pam -WSHDC -GR

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Cc: Loken, Martin -WSHDC -GR; Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; Manji, Natasha (PS/SP)
Subject: Potential invitation - and call - from DHS Secretary

Pam,

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From: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca
Sent: June 13, 2018 3:04 PM
To: Mündel.Martin; Baril.Andre
Cc: Leduc.Sandra; Valotaire.Andre
Subject: FW: Refugee Info from Meeting

Martin-
Please see message from Shauna.

Cheers,
Dean

From: Chevalier, Shauna [mailto:Shauna.Chevalier@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca]
Sent: June-13-18 2:37 PM
To: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM
Cc: Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF
Subject: Refugee Info from Meeting

Hi Dean

I am sending to you as I don't have the contact info for everyone from Canada who was on the phone.

Let me know if you'd like any more info, have a great day!

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From: Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca
Sent: June 21, 2018 1:34 PM
To: Baril.Andre
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Myre.Mathew; Vasavada.Unnati
Subject: Re: (FOR APPROVAL): (USCIS request) Stats on

Hi André!

Below are the requested U.S. Stats as requested. Let me know if you have any questions!

Heather

FY 2013				
FY 2014				
FY 2015				
FY 2016				
FY 2017				
Total				

Source:

From: Baril.Andre
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 5:25 PM
To: Roberts, Heather -WSHDC -IM
Cc: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM; Myre.Mathew; Vasavada.Unnati
Subject: Re: (FOR APPROVAL): (USCIS request) Stats on

Thx!

And great work on Washington winning the Stanley cup...

Have a great week-end!

Andre Baril
Refugee Affairs

Sent from my BlackBerry

From: Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca

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Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 5:23 PM
To: Baril.Andre
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Myre.Mathew; Vasavada.Unnati
Subject: Re: (FOR APPROVAL): (USCIS request) Stats on

Sorry, hit send too soon - yes I will ask to reciprocal data!

From: Baril.Andre
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Roberts, Heather -WSHDC -IM
Cc: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM; Myre.Mathew; Vasavada.Unnati
Subject: FW: (FOR APPROVAL): (USCIS request) Stats on

Heather,

In response, here is the info Mat's team dug up:

Source: IRCC MBR, 2018/05/25

** - Eligible asylum claims received by regular arrivals at border offices & found eligible for referral despite STCA provisions.*

Can you pls ask USCIS colleagues to also share with us the same info – but from their side? So both sides has the comparable data.

Thanks.

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On May 23, 2018, at 2:04 PM, "Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca" <Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi André and Martin,

I am reaching out to you on a request I received from the asylum team in RAIO at USCIS. They are looking for publicly-available information to describe the number of cases

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Appreciate your help and if you need anything further to answer this request, please let me know!

Thanks,
Heather

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Armitage.Kayla

From: Valotaire.Andre
Sent: June 6, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Mündel.Martin; Leduc.Sandra; Baril.Andre; Gunshoner.Kim
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Follow-up to your request
Attachments: RE: Follow-up to your request

Please see attached.

And since Sandra appears to be the one coordinating the discussions at HQ, I have also looped her in my response (as you will see from attached exchange) – sorry Sandra ☺ - as it is difficult for us to provide more of a response without being able to suggest timeframes and knowing when we (IRCC) would be ready for that conversation.

Thanks,

André

From: Mündel.Martin [mailto:Martin.Mundel@cic.gc.ca]
Sent: June-01-18 12:12 PM
To: Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM; Leduc.Sandra; Baril.Andre; Gunshoner.Kim
Cc: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM; Roberts, Heather -WSHDC -IM
Subject: RE: Follow-up to your request

Thanks, André.

I agree that timing may be an issue, as we have a number of key milestone that week. If it were up to me, I would ask that we aim for end of June, instead.

That said, on all of this (timing, strategy, approach), I would prefer to defer to IIR, who are accountable for the overall relationship.

Sandra, would it be OK with you to convene related experts at NHQ to come up with an approach?

Cheers.

Martin

From: Valotaire.Andre
Sent: June 1, 2018 10:54 AM
To: Mündel.Martin <Martin.Mundel@cic.gc.ca>; Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>; Baril.Andre <Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca>; Gunshoner.Kim <Kim.Gunshoner@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Follow-up to your request

Martin:

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Thanks for the additional background on this.

Let us know next week after internal consultations. We would need some time to organize after and ensure we have suitable room.

Thanks all,

André

From: Mündel.Martin [mailto:Martin.Mundel@cic.gc.ca]
Sent: May-31-18 9:43 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra; Baril.Andre; Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM; Gunshoner.Kim
Cc: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM; Roberts, Heather -WSHDC -IM
Subject: Re: Follow-up to your request

Scratch what I said, earlier this evening.

I agree with Sandra that we will need to consult internally

Looping Kim, on my team, for awareness, as we had to do a deep dive on these cases before sharing.

De: Leduc.Sandra
Envoyé: Thursday, May 31, 2018 17:07
À: Baril.Andre; Valotaire.Andre; Mündel.Martin
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca
Objet: RE: Follow-up to your request

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Sandra

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From: Baril.Andre
Sent: May 31, 2018 4:46 PM
To: Valotaire.Andre <andre.valotaire@international.gc.ca>; Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>; Mündel.Martin <Martin.Mundel@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Follow-up to your request

They had asked us for some info re: those cases.

- once we determined we could share some info, IPG pulled the data and Sandra shared it with Deborah.

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From: Valotaire.Andre
Sent: May 31, 2018 4:06 PM
To: Baril.Andre <Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca>; Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>; Mündel.Martin <Martin.Mundel@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Follow-up to your request

I responded to Deborah that we were consulting with the relevant HQ experts leading on the file and that we would get back to her late next week or the week after given we have other priorities (including a Minister visit).

I have also asked her to identify who from the different US agencies would be participating in that discussion.

But could someone clarify to me what was sent, by whom and when?

Thanks,

André

From: Baril.Andre [mailto:Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca]
Sent: May-31-18 1:38 PM
To: Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM; Leduc.Sandra; Mündel.Martin
Cc: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM; Roberts, Heather -WSHDC -IM
Subject: Re: Follow-up to your request

Thanks Andre.

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I agree that we should be part of this US briefing,

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Andre Baril
Refugee Affairs

Sent from my BlackBerry

From: Valotaire.Andre

Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 1:27 PM

To: Leduc.Sandra; Baril.Andre; Mündel.Martin

Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Heather.Roberts@international.gc.ca

Subject: FW: Follow-up to your request

Looping in colleagues at NHQ.

Not sure I have seen the data that was shared.

Would appreciate your insight and views on this.

André

From:
Sent: May-31-18 1:20 PM
To: Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM
Cc: Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR; Chiquette, Benoît -WSHDC -BF; Roberts, Heather -WSHDC -IM
Subject: Follow-up to your request

Hello, Andre, et al.

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We suggest a meeting at the Canadian Embassy on either June 12 or 13. We look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you!

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From: Valentine.Fraser
Sent: June 14, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Ralickas.Cynthia; Chao.Kim
Cc: Baril.Andre; Leduc.Sandra; Thompson.Lorra
Subject: RE: For Fraser's urgent approval: Washington Trip - added documents

Thanks.

In the first note – I'm not sure about this question

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Andre – agree?

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From: Ralickas.Cynthia
Sent: June 14, 2018 1:33 PM
To: Valentine.Fraser <Fraser.Valentine@cic.gc.ca>; Chao.Kim <Kim.Chao@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Baril.Andre <Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca>; Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>; Thompson.Lorra <Lorra.Thompson@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: For Fraser's urgent approval: Washington Trip - added documents
Importance: High

Hi Fraser,

I'm writing on behalf of Sandra. Please find linked below, for your approval, our changes to the MPI Luncheon note (in yellow highlight) and the 3-pager on recent US announcements (
Both documents are approved by Sandra (on behalf of Glen).

MPI Roundtable Luncheon Meeting - Briefing Note.docx
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(http://gcdocs2.ci.gc.ca/otcs/cs.exe?func=ll&objaction=overview&objid=215518235)

Please note, BU is asking for ADM-approved finals by 2pm for DMO. W. Once you have approved, we can send to ADMO.

Thanks,

Cynthia

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From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 14, 2018 11:39 AM
To: Valentine.Fraser <Fraser.Valentine@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Chao.Kim <Kim.Chao@cic.gc.ca>; Baril.Andre <Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca>; Ralickas.Cynthia <Cynthia.Ralickas@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Washington Trip - Amendment to BNs and One-Pager

Ok, so based on this, we are only making (simple) amendments to the MPI luncheon, and finalizing a one-pager.

Will send to you shortly,
Sandra

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From: Valentine.Fraser
Sent: June 14, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Chao.Kim <Kim.Chao@cic.gc.ca>; Baril.Andre <Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Washington Trip - Amendment to BNs and One-Pager

Thanks. Yah – we should have a look at it.

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Also, so you are aware, I had a chat with paul and we decided not to use the BN for the USCIS meeting – instead, we are re-crafting the deck we did for MPI and then doing a bit of a cover note with less detail, more questions to guide a general discussion.

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Sent: June 14, 2018 11:25 AM
To: Valentine.Fraser <Fraser.Valentine@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Chao.Kim <Kim.Chao@cic.gc.ca>; Baril.Andre <Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: Washington Trip - Amendment to BNs and One-Pager

Hi Fraser,

Just to keep you updated, we are amending two BNs (the USCIS and the MPI luncheon ones) to reflect In the BNs, we are just adding a paragraph on both, along with a question to ask in the key messages.

We are also preparing a one-pager on the issue, using what you sent us, that we will refer to as an annex to the BNs.

ADMO has asked for it asap, and we hope to have it ready in the next hour. Assume we send to you for review first once done?
Sandra

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Armitage.Kayla

From: Valotaire.Andre
Sent: June 6, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Leduc.Sandra; Baril.Andre
Cc: Ralickas.Cynthia; Chanteloup.Genevieve; Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Heads up

Natasha nous a indiqué que les points de contact pour la visite sont : Rob Burley and Melanie Anestis (International Affairs) et que ton équipe les connaît bien.

Je suggère que vous les contactiez directement pour toutes ces questions – ce sera plus efficace – car ils auront tous les détails concernant l'appel passé et visite qui s'en vient.

Merci,

Andér

From: Leduc.Sandra [mailto:Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca]
Sent: June-06-18 11:10 AM
To: Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM; Baril.Andre
Cc: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM; Ralickas.Cynthia; Chanteloup.Genevieve; Rudyk, Gene -CICHQ; Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM
Subject: RE: Heads up

Hi André V,

Thanks so much for this. We are following up with our PS colleagues right now.

In the meantime, can you seek more information from WSHDC-PS? Can you find out who was on the call? Was it the Deputy AG's office? Or DoJ? Who was making those comments?

Thanks so much!
Sandra

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Subject: FW: Heads up

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Sandra and André :

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Please see message we received from our PS colleague here.

You will see that Deputy Attorney General ROD Rosenstein is coming next week to Ottawa – PS seems to be the lead for that visit.

Note the interest re: !

Sandra: suggest your team be in contact with your PS colleagues at HQ, if not already, regarding this visit.

Thanks,

André

From: Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR
Sent: June-06-18 10:50 AM
To: Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM; Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM
Subject: Heads up

Hi there,
First of all, I'm sorry that I will have to miss today's Knowledge Initiative. I'm now prepping for a couple of meetings that have come up unexpectedly. Which leads me to my second point:

- Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein will be in Ottawa next week, on June 12.

n.

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Armitage.Kayla

From: Valotaire.Andre
Sent: June 8, 2018 9:13 AM
To: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Chanteloup.Genevieve; Ralickas.Cynthia; Leduc.Sandra
Cc: Baril.Andre
Subject: RE: IRCC Deputy Minister visit on June 18

Our advice on the Washington side regarding the delegation side, given that it is more than likely that the discussions, especially with Cissna and the USCIS asylum team, will be very specific to asylum, is that it will be critical that the DM and Paul be accompanied by someone with the right expertise on the subject.

So if Fraser is not available – which would be a shame as it would be a very good opportunity for him to meet all his counterparts at once and in a setting where senior management on both sides will be represented – then we would suggest that André Baril be there.

André V.

From: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM
Sent: June-07-18 4:46 PM
To: Chanteloup.Genevieve; Ralickas.Cynthia; Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM; Leduc.Sandra
Subject: FW: IRCC Deputy Minister visit on June 18

et voilà !

so the plan is a lunch at MPI (which makes some sense as it gives her a break after the TCM session) from 12:30 to 2. We should look at filling something short in between though unless she wants to return to the hotel.

Also, on the delegation list for the program, you have the DM, Paul and Sandra. We had heard Fraser and Glen before. No problem either way but we had been told to expect a visit from Fraser around this time anyway as he needs to do some meet-and-greets and initial meetings with his counterparts.

Dean

From: Lisa Dixon [mailto:LDixon@MigrationPolicy.Org]
Sent: June-07-18 4:36 PM
To: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM; Demetri Papademetriou; Michelle Mittelstadt
Cc: Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM; Doris Meissner; Natalia Banulescu-Bogdan
Subject: RE: IRCC Deputy Minister visit on June 18

Hi Dean,
Thanks for your note. We are planning to keep the lunch to a small group with expertise in asylum policy as we are expecting a technical discussion. We are inviting the following individuals

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We may invite 1-2 additional experts.

We are planning for the lunch to take place from 12:30 to 2pm in our offices. I'm attaching the invitation.

I will be out of the office tomorrow and next week, but my colleague Natalia Banulescu-Bogdan who is copied on this email will be the point person for this meeting can answer any questions that you may have in the lead up to the event.
Many thanks,
Lisa

From: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca <Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Demetri Papademetriou <DPapademetriou@MigrationPolicy.Org>; Michelle Mittelstadt <MMittelstadt@MigrationPolicy.Org>; Lisa Dixon <LDixon@MigrationPolicy.Org>
Cc: Andre.Valotaire@international.gc.ca; Doris Meissner <DMeissner@MigrationPolicy.Org>
Subject: RE: IRCC Deputy Minister visit on June 18

Hello Demitri, Michelle, and Lisa –
Great to be working with you again.

Our IRCC headquarters, who have started to draft a program for DM Morgan's visit, have asked us to fill in a bit more information on the asylum session to be held at MPI on June 18.

We're wondering if you can assist with this, specifically:

- Do you have a sense of the participants for this session? (rough numbers and possible names)?
- Timing wise- would it follow the TCM event that ends at 11:00am (either right after or at lunch)? The DM has also asked for a couple of other meetings in the afternoon and we assumed that her full morning would be at MPI but please let us know if this is not the case.
- Are there specific subtopics under 'asylum reform' you will want to cover?
- Anything else we should know for planning purposes?

Any early intel you have would be most appreciated and will help us to make sure that she is well prepared.

And I would also note that she asked us to arrange a separate meeting with Director Cissna during the day she is here. Thought we should mention it as I see he is also invited to the TCM session.

Best regards,
Dean

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From: Doris Meissner [mailto:DMeissner@MigrationPolicy.Org]
Sent: June-05-18 3:50 PM
To: Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM
Cc: Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM; Michelle Mittelstadt; Lisa Dixon; Demetri Papademetriou
Subject: RE: IRCC Deputy Minister visit on June 18

Dear Andre,
Thanks for your kind note. We were pleased to meet with your minister and hope your other meetings went well.

The upcoming asylum session is being organized by Demetri, working with Michelle and Lisa, copied above. They'll be sure to keep you in the loop as fully as they can from here. Presume you'll be staying in touch with your colleagues in Ottawa as well, to the extent that there are pertinent matters in which we're not involved.

Best wishes,
Doris

From: Andre.Valotaire@international.gc.ca <Andre.Valotaire@international.gc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2018 9:32 AM
To: Doris Meissner <DMeissner@MigrationPolicy.Org>
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca
Subject: IRCC Deputy Minister visit on June 18

Doris,

I want to thank Demetrios and you for the roundtable discussion yesterday and being able to gather at such a late hour such good variety of experts. The Minister was happy with the discussion and the good exchange that took place with the various participants.

I understand from the Deputy Minister, Martha Morgan, that she had a conversation with you on the margins of that meeting yesterday regarding a smaller discussion that would be specifically on asylum systems and reforms (in U.S. and Canada) when she comes on June 18th and that would take place after the already scheduled MPI led TCM discussion (with Canada, Australia and others).

While the contact for the MPI led TCM discussion will continue to be Jason Hollman, in Ottawa, for that second one regarding asylum systems the lead would be Sandra Leduc (in Ottawa) and us (Dean Barry and I) here in Washington. So if your team and you could please keep us informed of progress regarding the organization of that one.

I will be in Canada for meetings on June 18 but Dean will be here and accompanying the DM, as well as the main point of contact for her visit.

Regards,

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Armitage.Kayla

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 6, 2018 12:39 AM
To: Baril.Andre; Valotaire.Andre
Subject: Re: Report from the Minister trip to WAshington DC

I was also not allowed at the meeting :) actually, I think it's a combo of both.

Let's talk tomorrow,

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Baril.Andre
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:12 PM
To: Valotaire.Andre; Leduc.Sandra
Subject: Re: Report from the Minister trip to WAshington DC

Thx.

Andre Baril
Refugee Affairs

Sent from my BlackBerry

From: Valotaire.Andre
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 9:16 PM
To: Baril.Andre; Leduc.Sandra
Subject: Re: Report from the Minister trip to WAshington DC

My understanding from debrief of Paul - as I was not allowed at that meeting - is 1)

2) should be straightforward as

Andre V.

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From: Baril.Andre
Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 7:36 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra; Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM
Subject: RE: Report from the Minister trip to WAshington DC

André/Sandra,

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Merci. s.16(2)

André

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Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 12:24 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra; Ralickas.Cynthia; Rudyk.Gene
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Jacques.Olivier; Goldsby.Craig; Hepburn.Wendy; IRCC.F DMO 20 Advisors / Conseillères BSM 20 F.IRCC; IRCC.F DGO IIR / BDG RII F.IRCC; IRCC.F IN DGO / BDG RI F.IRCC; Baril.Andre; Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca
Subject: Report from the Minister trip to WAshington DC

Colleagues,

Given the sensitivity of some of the material, I sent the report by C6.

I used the email addresses I could find for DMO, IIR, IN and Refugees with a request to distribute to :

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- AADM Edlund
- IIR/ DG Linder and Sandra Leduc
- RAB/DG Valentine and André Baril
- IN/DG Giralt and Olivier Jacques

I wanted to limit the distribution – but will let you decide if it needs to be shared with others.

Regards,

André

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From: Chao.Kim
Sent: June 14, 2018 1:55 PM
To: Hepburn.Wendy; Leduc.Sandra; Thompson.Lorra
Cc: IRCC.F ADMO SPP / PSP BSMA F.IRCC; Ralickas.Cynthia
Subject: RE: Washington Trip - Amendment to BNs and One-Pager

The following documents have been approved by Fraser.

DECK - USCIS Jennifer Higgins Meeting.pptx
http://gcdocs2.ci.gc.ca/otcs/cs.exe/properties/215503576

Flow Chart US Asylum Process.pdf
http://gcdocs2.ci.gc.ca/otcs/cs.exe/properties/215562665

Jennifer Higgins_USCIS Meeting - Briefing Note .docx
http://gcdocs2.ci.gc.ca/otcs/cs.exe/properties/213966254

IIR is making the changes on the remaining notes/documents.

Thanks,

Kim Chao

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From: Hepburn.Wendy
Sent: June 14, 2018 1:44 PM
To: Chao.Kim <Kim.Chao@cic.gc.ca>; Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>; Thompson.Lorra <Lorra.Thompson@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: IRCC.F ADMO SPP / PSP BSMA F.IRCC <IRCC.ADMOSPP-PSPBSMA.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>; Ralickas.Cynthia <Cynthia.Ralickas@cic.gc.ca>
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Great! We will put in first thing. How is PSR coming along?

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Yes, he's looking at all of the notes now.

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Things are with Fraser right now. Cynthia is stick handling for me until I'm back in office around 3pm.
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Subject: FW: Washington Trip - Amendment to BNs and One-Pager

Hi!
I suspect Fraser just got back – how is it going on the items for Washington?
Wendy

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 14, 2018 11:37 AM
To: Hepburn.Wendy <Wendy.Hepburn@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Washington Trip - Amendment to BNs and One-Pager

To keep you in the loop. Also doing the one-pager standalone
Fraser wants to review as well, so you may have it early this afternoon.

Hope that's ok!
Sandra

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Ok, so no need to touch the USCIS note as RAB is cutting it out entirely (and recrafting as a deck).

However, let's please go ahead and amend the BN for the MPI lunch.

Thanks!!
Sandra

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Cc: Chao.Kim <Kim.Chao@cic.gc.ca>; Baril.Andre <Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Washington Trip - Amendment to BNs and One-Pager

Thanks. Yah – we should have a look at it.

Also, so you are aware, I had a chat with paul and we decided not to use the BN for the USCIS meeting – instead, we are re-crafting the deck we did for MPI and then doing a bit of a cover note with less detail, more questions to guide a general discussion.

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Hi Fraser,

Just to keep you updated, we are amending two BNs (the USCIS and the MPI luncheon ones) to reflect
In the BNs, we are just adding a paragraph on both, along with a question to ask in the key messages.

We are also preparing a one-pager on the issue, using what you sent us, that we will refer to as an annex to the BNs.

ADMO has asked for it asap, and we hope to have it ready in the next hour. Assume we send to you for review first once done?
Sandra

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Report – IRCC Deputy Minister's Visit to Washington, DC - June 18, 2018

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Summary: Following a successful visit by IRCC Minister Hussen to Washington on June 4, 2018, Deputy Minister Morgan and Refugee Affairs Branch Director General Fraser Valentine returned to DC on June 18, 2018 for meetings with the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and Canada's Ambassador to the United States- David MacNaughton. WSHDC-IM (Barry, Roberts) facilitated the visit in coordination with International and Intergovernmental Relations (IIR) and Refugee Affairs Branches (RAB). The original purpose of the trip was an acceptance by the DM to participate with her Australian counterpart in a roundtable discussion linked to MPI's Transatlantic Council on Migration (TCM), focusing on Canadian and Australian immigration systems. However, full advantage was also taken on this trip to engage with MPI and with USCIS to discuss Canadian asylum reform, given recent Minister-led discussions with U.S. government counterparts on irregular migration, and foreshadowing the upcoming release of the review report by former DM Neil Yeates of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) and asylum management. These meetings on asylum reform allowed for some timely 'brainstorming' with U.S.-based experts in Washington who provided advice and insight based on past experience as well as current challenges.

2. The day started with the TCM discussion, co-led by DM Morgan and Australian Home Affairs Secretary Michael Pezzullo, and moderated by MPI and TCM founder Demitrios Papademitriou. The session took the form of presentations by Australia and Canada respectively, followed by questions from invited participants from immigrant service organizations, immigration law firms, think tanks, advocacy organizations, as well as retired/former U.S. government leaders with direct experience in this subject area.

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3. Following a break, MPI again hosted the Canadian delegation for a smaller working lunch session that focused on asylum reform, with the conversation driven by a presentation by DG Valentine that reviewed the current system, its structure and the recent capacity pressures, followed by the . Deputy Morgan noted the goal of obtaining a fast, fair and final asylum system that is more efficient and while adhering to Canada's commitments to international conventions. participants included Demitrios Papademitriou and Doris Meissner of MPI, Mary Giovagnoli of Refugee Council USA, and Bo Cooper- Partner at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsey & Loewy LLP. The real value in this session was the ability to draw upon the experience of those

The group also discussed current pressures on the Canadian system, including

4. The next component of the program was a meeting at USCIS headquarters, facilitated by IRCC's embedded liaison officer currently there on assignment. The U.S. side was led by Jennifer Higgins, Associate Director of the Refugee, Asylum and International Affairs Directorate, and included several of her senior staff as well as an Assistant Secretary for Border Policy, Immigration and Trade Policy at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). One of the key objectives for this meeting, along with exchanging information and best practices on asylum reform and backlog reduction,

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5. The final two meetings were held at the Canadian Embassy, the first of which was with Canada's Ambassador to the U.S., David MacNaughton, and Deputy Ambassador Kirsten Hillman. Deputy Morgan provided an update on the recent visit by Minister Hussen

6. In the day's final meeting, DG Valentine provided a deep dive on the irregular migration file to Public Safety, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), and Global Affairs Canada (GAC) program managers at the Embassy, providing helpful insight on issues that may impact their work here in Washington. Briefings such as these are instructive to Embassy officials to keep up to date on key Government files but also to equip them with knowledge and messaging that could potentially be useful to advance our objectives

7. **Observations**: Overall, the program was successful

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Overview of Meeting with Ms. Jennifer Higgins
Associate Director, Refugee, Asylum and International Operations
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

KEY MESSAGES AND NOTES

Introductions:

- We were very pleased with the productive discussions between our respective agency heads, Minister Hussen and US Secretary of Homeland Security, Kirstjen Nielsen, earlier this month. We appreciate the ongoing commitment to continuing our joint efforts on immigration and border integrity issues.
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- In 2017, the Government commissioned an independent review of our asylum system. The review looked at options for increasing the efficiency and productivity, and into proper design of our asylum system overall.
- Fraser Valentine (or Paul MacKinnon) will walk us through a short DECK that will highlight for you the findings of this independent report. In addition, the deck outlines how shifts in migration patterns are putting pressure on Canada's asylum system, the findings of the independent review of the IRB and some questions to help guide our discussion on best practices.

Suggested questions to help guide discussion:

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BACKGROUND

During the June 4, 2018 bilateral meeting between Minister Hussen and Secretary Nielsen, the

Mr. Francis Cissna, Director, USCIS, was also in attendance at that meeting, and you expressed an interest in follow-up discussions with him.

Mr. Cissna served as a key adviser on immigration to Donald Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign; he is credited with working to implement a new USCIS mission, seen by some to represent a more inward-looking approach.

While Mr Cissna is unavailable on June 18, a meeting has been secured with his designate, Jennifer Higgins, who currently serves as Associate Director, Refugee, Asylum and International Operations, USCIS. Ms. Higgins will be aware of the substance of the recent discussions between Minister Hussen and Secretary Nielsen,

Of note, AADM Mike McDonald met with Ms. Higgins during his February 8, 2018 meetings with USCIS officials in Washington; those meetings included discussions of northbound migration flows, as well as broader asylum and refugee issues.

United States' Asylum System:

There are two main organizations that deliver the US' asylum system:

1) United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) – within the Department of Homeland Security Portfolio; and
2) The Executive Office for the Immigration Review (EOIR) – within the Department of Justice Portfolio.

The US asylum system is divided into two streams (see also diagram attached):

1) **Defensive:** claims made at the border, or by foreign nationals (aliens) who are out of status in the US.
2) **Affirmative:** claims made inland in the US by foreign nationals (aliens) who are within legal status in the US.

Asylum decisions in the **affirmative stream** are made by USCIS asylum officers, in non-adversarial interviews. Officers have targets of 8-9 interviews and decisions per week (2 per day), and have ½ day training each week (on country conditions or other key elements of claim adjudication).

Asylum decisions in the **defensive stream** are made by an immigration judge in an immigration court, which are administrative tribunals housed in the EOIR. This is an adversarial process with DHS represented by an attorney. This process includes:

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- Failed claimants who were referred by USCIS at the end of the affirmative stream (if the asylum officer does not grant asylum); and
- claimants who are intercepted at the border and who are found to have a credible fear by USCIS (through an Expedited Removals procedure – usually during detention);

In addition, the US has a Board of Immigration Appeals, and a Federal Court.

Canada-US Asylum Cooperation:

Canada and the US co-operate on asylum issues, including through the Canada-US Asylum Working Group (AWG), which meets on a biannual basis. Most recently, this group met on February 27-28, 2018 in Washington, D.C., hosted by the USCIS Asylum Division Office. Officials from IRCC and USCIS provided updates on recent developments on their respective asylum programs, and shared information on streamlining and efficiency initiatives.

Recent Shifts in US Asylum Policies:

On April 6, 3018, US Attorney General (AG) Jeff Sessions announced a "zero-tolerance policy" for attempted illegal entry and actual illegal entry into the United States by irregular migrants at the Mexico-US border. Entry, and attempted entry, between ports of entry is considered an offence under US immigration law. In order to stem an increase in irregular migrant arrivals at the US southwest border, the US government is seeking to significantly increase prosecutions of irregular migrants by more systematically enforcing existing laws and policies. A result of this policy is the separation of children from parents who are facing prosecution for illegally crossing the border.

On June 11, 2018, AG Jeff Sessions provided a decision that overturned a 2016 ruling from the Department of Justice's (DoJ) Board of Immigration Appeals and as a consequence, determined that future asylum claimants will generally not qualify under federal law if their claim is premised on victimization by domestic abuse or gang violence. This decision overturned a previous decision that victims of gang violence *de facto* represented a social group under the Refugee Convention.

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Overview of Meeting with David MacNaughton Ambassador of Canada, and Kirsten Hillman, Deputy Ambassador of Canada

KEY MESSAGES

PROPOSAL TO MODERNIZE THE SAFE THIRD COUNTRY AGREEMENT

- The Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) provides that Canada and the US cooperate to ensure the orderly handling of refugee claims based on the principle that individuals must claim asylum in the first safe country in which they arrive at. However, migrants have been entering Canada irregularly, evading the application of the STCA.

- In 2017, 33,000 migrants claimed asylum at the Canada-US border, 21,000 of which were intercepted irregularly crossing between ports of entry. Between June 30, 2017 and May 28, 2018, 24,455 migrants have been intercepted by the RCMP in Quebec alone.

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TARIFFS AND NAFTA

- In his meetings with Senators Grassley and Feinstein, Minister Hussen raised the issue of the recent tariffs imposed by the US.

- In response, Senator Grassley confirmed

- Similarly, Senator Feinstein,

ASYLUM REFORM

- In 2017, the Government of Canada commissioned an independent review of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB). The final report is scheduled to be released publicly in June 2018.

- The review looked at options for increasing the efficiency and productivity of the asylum system, with a particular focus on the IRB which is responsible for refugee determination decisions and appeals.

- The report's findings will help inform work on reforming Canada's asylum system.

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BACKGROUND

You will be meeting Ambassador MacNaughton and Deputy Head of Mission Hillman on June 18, at 4:30 pm. This meeting will provide you with an opportunity to provide information on IRCC's ongoing US engagements, and seek their support in advancing IRCC's positions in Washington,

The Ambassador and Deputy Hillman are well aware of the irregular migration issue, as André Valotaire and his team at the Embassy have provided briefings on an as-needed basis.

ISSUES

Safe Third Country Agreement and Irregular Migration

- At the time the STCA was negotiated (2002), due to limited technologies, the agreement was negotiated such that it only applied at land border ports of entry – where border officers could visually confirm that an individual had crossed the border.

- In addition, the Safe Third Country Agreement contains several exceptions, allowing some asylum seekers who arrive at the land border to make a claim in Canada. The most common exception is for claimants with family in Canada. Other exceptions include claimants who are unaccompanied minors, claimants who hold certain Canadian documents (such as visas or work or study permits), and claimants who do not require a visa to enter Canada but would require one to enter the United States.

- Under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the following factors are considered in reviewing and monitoring the designation of the United States as a safe third country:
    - Whether it is a party to the Refugee Convention and Convention Against Torture, and to an agreement with Canada (i.e., the Safe Third Country Agreement);
    - Its policies and practices with respect to claims under the Refugee Convention and with respect to obligations under the Convention Against Torture, and
    - Its human rights record.

- The Immigration and Refugee Protection Act requires the continual review of all countries designated as safe third countries to ensure that the conditions for the designation continue to be met.

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TPS and DACA

- US Temporary Protected Status (TPS) provides protections to foreign nationals facing temporary adversity in their home countries. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) provides temporary work authorization to individuals who were brought to the US as children by their parents through irregular migration. Honduras, El Salvador and Haiti are the three largest TPS populations in the US. The US has announced plans to terminate TPS designation for all three of these countries.

  TPS:
  - There are approximately 437,000 individuals who are covered under TPS in the US.

  - Since September 2017, the US has announced plans to terminate TPS for six countries:
    - El Salvador – 262,526 people affected; status expiring on September 9, 2019.
    - Haiti – 58,557 people affected; status expiring on July 22, 2019.
    - Nicaragua – 5,305 people affected; status expiring on January 5, 2019.
    - Sudan – 1,048 people affected; status expiring on November 2, 2018.
    - Nepal – 14,791 people affected; status expiring on June 24, 2019.
    - Honduras – 86,031 people affected; status expiring on January 5, 2020.

  - DHS is expected to announce a decision on the TPS for Yemen (July 5, 2018) and Somalia (July 19, 2018).TPS populations in the US for these countries are 1,116 and 499, respectively.

  - The US typically provides 12 to 18 months of advance notice before the TPS designation for any country is terminated.

  DACA:
  - There are nearly 690,000 recipients of DACA in the US. Most are either enrolled in school or working in lower or middle skilled occupations.

  - Four percent of DACA recipients have completed college.

  - On April 24, 2018, the US Federal Court ruled against the US Administration's decision to rescind the DACA program. Accordingly, the US must continue processing all DACA applications.

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Family Separation

- The practice of separating children from parents who were attempting to migrate to the US over the southern border has recently become a front-burner topic in American mass

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media, raising the profile of irregular migration to an even higher level.

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June 3, 2018 (15h00 HOURS)
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VISIT OF

THE HONOURABLE AHMED D. HUSSEN

MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP

TO

WASHINGTON *(District of Columbia)* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUNE 2018

Programme prepared by the Visits Unit
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SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

TORONTO

1430 hours - Departure from Toronto for Washington, D. C.
on board Air Canada flight 7372
Toronto Pearson International Airport

(Flight time: 1 hour 53 minutes)
(No time change)

Passenger list:

Minister Ahmed Hussen

WASHINGTON

1553 hours - Arrival in Washington, D.C.
Washington Dulles International Airport

1620 hours - Departure for the Marriott – The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue North West

- Private time
Marriott – The Mayflower Hotel

1959 hours - Arrival of Deputy Minister Marta Morgan and Mr. Paul MacKinnon on board Air Canada flight 8452
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

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MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

WASHINGTON

Hotel check-out: please bring your luggage to the lobby no later than 8h00 am

0715 hours - to 0800 hours
Meeting with
Ms. Marta Morgan
Deputy Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
MAGNUM Room (mezzanine)
Marriott – The Mayflower Hotel

0815 hours -
Departure for the Migration Policy Institute
1400 16th Street North West
[Travel time: 10 minutes]

0830 hours - to 0900 hours
Meeting with
Mr. Demitrios Papademetriou
Ms. Doris Meissner and
Mr. Andrew Selee
Small Conference Room
Migration Policy Institute

Participants: *(Minister and Deputy Minister only)*
***Minister Hussen**, M. Morgan*

0900 hours - to 1000 hours
Roundtable Session on
«Irregular Migration Issues» with
Academics, Thought Leaders, Immigration Advocates and Immigration Service Providers
Large Conference Room
Migration Policy Institute

Participants: (TBC)
***Minister Hussen**, Full Canadian delegation*

1015 hours -
Departure for the Department of Homeland Security
Nebraska Avenue Complex
[Travel time: 20 minutes]

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MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

WASHINGTON

1100 hours - to 1145 hours

Meeting with
The Honorable Kirstjen Nielsen
Secretary of Homeland Security of the United States of America
Secretary's Boardroom
Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Ave NW

Participants: (TBC)
***Minister Hussen**, Minister's staff, DM Morgan, ADM MacKinnon*

1150 hours -

Departure for Capitol Hill
[Travel time: 25-30 minutes]

1315 hours - to 1345 hours

Meeting with
Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif)
Room 331, Hart Senate Office Building

Participants: (TBC)
***Minister Hussen**, Full Canadian delegation, Meaghan Sunderland (Congressional Affairs, Embassy of Canada)*

1350 hours -

Departure for Restaurant
[Travel time: 5-10 minutes]

1400 hours - to 1500 hours

Private luncheon – SEI Modern Asian Restaurant
444 7th St NW
Participants: *Canadian delegation*

1500 hours -

Departure for Capitol Hill
[Travel time: 5-10 minutes]

1515 hours - to 1535 hours

Meeting with
Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)
Room 135, Hart Senate Office Building

Participants: (TBC)
***Minister Hussen**, Full Canadian delegation, Meaghan Sunderland*

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(Congressional Affairs, Embassy of Canada)

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

WASHINGTON

1540 hours - Departure for the National Targeting Centre
Stirling, VA
[Travel time: 60 minutes]

1645 hours to 1730 hours - Tour of the National Targeting Center
Stirling, VA

Participants: (TBC)
***Minister Hussen**, Full Canadian delegation, Benoît Chiquette, Minister-Counsellor (CBSA), Embassy of Canada*

1730 hours - Departure for the airport
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport
[Travel time: 90 minutes]

2030 hours - Departure from Washington for Ottawa
on board Air Canada flight 8453
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

(Flying time: 1 hour 31 minutes)
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Passenger list:
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Marta Morgan

Paul MacKinnon

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OTTAWA

2201 hours - Arrival in Ottawa
Macdonald Cartier International Airport

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MEAL RATES

City/Country Currency	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total
Washington, United States of America (Dollar; USD)	$19.45	$19.20	$48.15	$17.30	$104.10

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND DRESS

WEATHER

Washington, D.C.: Normal highs of 24°C and normal lows of 14°C

DRESS CODE

Washington, D.C.: Business attire

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Overview of Meeting with Secretary of Department of Homeland Security Kristjen Nielsen

Key Messages

Introductory Remarks:

- I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me today. My department continues to enjoy a very positive working relationship with our US counterparts at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- We have a longstanding, positive partnership with the US in managing our shared border, which we take great pride in.
- Our shared border is the best managed in the world and our success is due to the strength of our close working relationship on issues of shared importance, as well as the strong collaboration between our security, law enforcement, border and immigration agencies and departments. This ensures our collective security while facilitating the legitimate flow of people and goods that is crucial to our economies.
- I know we are both facing significant challenges at our borders and we are committed to doing even more to address as we are faced with new challenges.
- I would welcome any perspectives you may have, and how you are dealing with these challenges.

Information Sharing

- One of the things I am particularly proud of is our robust immigration information sharing regime. Information sharing is a cornerstone of our joint efforts towards perimeter security.
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Biometrics:

- Your officials asked my Department about Canada's plans to expand biometrics. We currently use biometric screening on all asylum claimants, all overseas resettled refugees, and temporary resident applicants from 30 nationalities.
- I am pleased to confirm that starting on July 31, 2018, Canada's biometric screening program will expand to all temporary resident visa, study and work permit

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applicants (excluding US nationals), as well as to all permanent residence applicants. This will help facilitate legitimate travelers while stopping those who pose a risk.

Visa Actions:

UAE Visa Lift:

- We also enjoy a good working relationship when it comes to sharing information about visa lifts. For instance, my officials recently communicated our decision to lift the visa requirement for the UAE on May 2, 2018, and, :

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Irregular Migration Trends:

- This trend continues to grow at a concerning pace in 2018.

- Canada continues to experience huge pressures at our border (2017 - over 20,000 people illegally crossing between ports of entry, and a total of about 50,000 people who claimed asylum across our system).

- Last summer, Haitian nationals were the top source country for irregular migration.

- Since fall 2017, Nigeria has been the top source country for irregular entries to Canada,

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- Despite these efforts, Canada expects flows to continue to grow at a concerning pace in 2018. These trends have created significant pressures on our asylum system, as

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overall claims have doubled within one year.

Domestic Efforts:

- Canada remains committed to taking action to address this situation. Our interests are aligned with the US on this front. We are committed to doing everything within our authorities to secure our borders and enforce the law.

- Irregular migration and a safe and secure border is a priority for our government – the Federal Budget, announced on February 27, 2018, reflects the government's commitment to security and border management. This included $173.2M over 2 years for irregular migration, to support security operations at the Canada/US border, and to manage the increased number of people seeking asylum this year.

- We launched an independent review of the asylum system in 2017, which will inform broader reforms to the asylum system in order to increase productivity, as well as to ensure timely removals.

- At my request, Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board- which is an independent quasi-judicial tribunal- has adopted a flexible approach to scheduling claims from irregular migrants that is similar to the US's Last In First Out approach. In practice, this means that the IRB will hear and decide on approximately 16,000 claims per year from irregular migrants, and its Appeal Division approximately 4,000 appeals per year.

- We have also adopted a more robust communications approach to discourage those who would abuse our respective immigration systems from making the trip to Canada.

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Overview of the Tour of the National Targeting Center (Stirling, Virginia)

Key Messages

- **Thank you for the opportunity to see this impressive facility and to learn more about the important work that you and your colleagues do here to protect not only Americans, but many partnering countries.**
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Background:

The National Targeting Center is a United States multi-agency border security and screening facility run by the Customs and Border Protection agency and incorporating many domestic and international partners.

The National Targeting Center houses almost 1,000 personnel from Customs and Border Protection and most United States government agencies that conduct screening and intelligence gathering on passengers and cargo which may be destined for the United States.

The National Targeting Center has evolved since it was stood up after 9/11 and has on-boarded other organizational partners since then, including border agency officers from a number of different countries such as Canada.

Officials from the Department recently toured the National Targeting Center.

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Overview of Roundtable Meeting Hosted by the Migration Policy Institute

Key Messages

Introductory Remarks:

- **Thank you, Demitri and the Migration Policy Institute for hosting us this morning, and thank you to your team for their efforts in organizing this event. Thank you as well to everyone who was able to join us this morning. I appreciate the opportunity to meet and talk about issues relating to immigration, refugees and irregular migration.**

On Partnerships with the United States:

- **The United States continues to be a strong partner and ally. While we sometimes differ in approach, it is important to remember the many ways we work together at our shared border, on a number of bilateral initiatives, and in terms of international cooperation.**

Canada's Managed Migration System:

- **Canada's immigration system is based on the principle of managed migration. In practical terms, this means that we ensure an orderly, rules-based approach to both temporary and permanent migration to Canada. We deploy tools and programs that can help us welcome individuals that are most likely to thrive in Canada, contribute to our economic development and enrich the social fabric of our society while protecting the safety and security of Canadians.**

- **We establish annually what we call the Immigration Levels Plan, which sets out how many permanent residents we will accept in Canada, overall and across our economic, family, and refugee categories. This is complemented by programs that allow people from around the world to study, work and visit Canada temporarily.**

- **Late last fall, I announced a Multi-Year Immigration Levels Plan that increases the number of new permanent residents to Canada each year for the next three years. This measured, gradual increase means our immigration rate will trend towards one percent of our population by 2020, one of the highest in the world.**

- **Our primary economic programs target applicants with valuable skills sought after by Canadian employers as well as human capital characteristics to ensure their long-term success.**

- **A large number of our annual economic admissions are realized using a merit-based system called Express Entry, which allows us to select the best candidates from a pool of candidates who have expressed an interest in immigrating to Canada under our key economic programs. We only invite those high-skilled individuals who are best positioned for economic success in Canada to apply for permanent residence, not the first in line.**

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Irregular Migration:

- **While Canada's geography has provided isolation from global migratory movements, beginning in 2017, an unprecedented number of irregular migrants crossed the Canada-United States border between designated ports of entry.**

- **Under the *Safe Third Country Agreement*, Canada and the United States cooperate to ensure the orderly handling of refugee claims based on the principle that people must claim asylum in the first safe country in which they arrive. This principle is supported by the United Nations Refugee Agency. However, migrants have been entering Canada by irregular means to evade the application of the *Safe Third Country Agreement.***

- **In 2017, over 20,000 people illegally crossed between Canada's ports of entry, out of a total of about 50,000 people who claimed asylum across our system. Irregular migrants who cross into Canada between official ports of entry effectively circumvent the *Safe Third Country Agreement.***

- **Last summer, Haitian nationals were the top source country for irregular migration. Most had spent a considerable amount of time in the United States, and rather than face immigration enforcement actions, they entered illegally Canada between ports of entry.**

- **Since fall 2017, Nigeria has been the top source country for irregular entries to Canada, with over eighty percent (80%) of Nigerian nationals who were intercepted between Ports of Entry possessing a valid United States non-immigrant visa.**

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Outreach Messages on Irregular Migration:

- **Crossing the border illegally can be dangerous. We want to ensure people are not taking risks based on false information and false promises. To accomplish this, the Government of Canada is working to ensure that communities in the United States have the facts about our country's asylum system.**

- **Asylum claims are governed in part by international treaties to which Canada is a signatory. As such, we have a legal responsibility to assess asylum claims made under these international conventions. This makes the asylum system fundamentally different than other areas of immigration.**

- **Canada doesn't offer free passes to anyone: we have a strict process in place. Those who enter Canada between ports of entry are arrested by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or a local law enforcement officer and brought to an immigration officer at a port of entry.**

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- **Asylum seekers in Canada face a rigorous process to determine whether or not they have a legitimate claim according to Canadian and international law.**

- **There are no shortcuts and no guarantees that an asylum seeker will be able to stay in Canada.**

- **Not everyone is eligible to make an asylum claim and not all asylum claims are accepted. All eligible claims are assessed by the independent Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.**

- **Each claim is decided on a case-by-case basis by an independent Immigration and Refugee Board. If the Immigration and Refugee Board determines that the claimant is not in need of Canada's protection, they are removed from Canada.**

Refugee Integration:

- **Canada has a long and proud tradition of providing protection to those who need it the most by supporting refugee resettlement and offering refuge to the world's most vulnerable people. Canada strongly supports global refugee resettlement. For 2018, Canada has set a target to resettle 27,000 refugees, with planned increases to 29,150 in 2019, and 31,700 in 2020.**

Canada's Immigrant Integration Model

- **The successful settlement and integration of all immigrants - including refugees - benefits Canada by building a more inclusive and productive nation. This is achieved through a shared effort that connects Canadians and immigrants, and helps both of them reach their economic and social potential.**

- **To this end, the federal government places a high priority on the effective settlement and integration of newcomers. Through inclusive laws and policies and investments in settlement and integration services, the federal government helps to set an inclusive and enabling environment for successful immigrant integration.**

- **The corner-stone of this approach is Canada's model of immigrant integration which is premised on social inclusion and mutual adaptation by newcomers and societal actors – what we refer to as a two-way approach.**

- **Federal settlement services include: information and orientation, to help newcomers make informed decisions about their settlement and better understand Canada's laws and institutions; language training to help newcomers with finding information, jobs and making social connections; and employment related services such as job search orientation, employer connections and information about foreign credential recognition pathways.**

- **Provincial and territorial governments are also key partners in ensuring immigrants and refugees have the basic supports to integration, such as health, education and social services. We coordinate efforts with provinces and territories through both multilateral and bilateral mechanisms.**

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Responsive:

Provinces and Territories – Impacts/Social Services Pressures

- **Canadian provinces and territories are responsible for providing social services such as temporary housing, social assistance, education and legal aid to asylum claimants.**
- **Social benefits to asylum seekers help ensure they do not go underground and provide them with an incentive to come forward and make a claim. Faster processing and rapid removals of failed claimants is the single most effective deterrence measure against unfounded asylum claims.**
- **We are working with all affected provinces to understand their contingency plans and pressures as they relate to in the influx of irregular migrants.**

Background:

The Migration Policy Institute is an independent, nonpartisan, non-profit think tank in Washington, DC, dedicated to analysis of the movement of people worldwide. The Migration Policy Institute provides analysis, development, and evaluation of migration and refugee policies at local, national, and international levels. It aims to meet the demand for pragmatic and thoughtful responses to the challenges and opportunities that large-scale migration, whether voluntary or forced, presents to communities and institutions in an increasingly integrated world.

The Migration Policy Institute has worked to bring together a group of experts to participate in a candid exchange with you and your officials. Discussions are expected to touch upon pragmatic approaches to immigrant selection, refugee integration, and border management–with a focus on what Canada and the United States can learn from each other. Invitees include a mix of academics, thought leaders, immigration experts, and immigration outreach/service providers). The inclusion of outreach and service provider organizations such as the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, the Women's Refugee Commission and UNIDOS, also provides a perspective from those groups who deal directly with affected/impacted communities across the United States.

On May 8, 2018, Washington DC Minister's Counsellor on Immigration for Canada, André Valotaire participated in a teleconference organized by the Migration Policy Institute

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Canada's Managed Migration System

Countries with managed migration systems are better prepared to harness the benefits of migration, which include filling labour gaps, maintaining population growth, contributing to nation-building and fostering respect for diversity. Offering regular pathways, particularly for economic migrants, provides Canada the opportunity to select immigrants with high human capital and those whose skills address labour market needs. Programs to reunify families and resettle those in need of humanitarian protection are also fundamental to our managed migration system – in particular the robust settlement supports offered by Canada to these immigrants. This also helps migrants, as they are more likely to be successful in entering the labour market, support their families and contribute to the Canadian economy. In turn, the realization of the economic benefits of migration is an important factor in maintaining strong public support for migration. Managed migration systems also allow for appropriate security screening which is important for public security and for maintaining confidence in the immigration system and can reduce incentives for irregular migration.

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Express Entry

Express Entry is Canada's application management system for certain economic programs including the Federal Skilled Worker Program, Federal Skilled Trades Program, Canadian Experience Class and a portion of the Provincial Nominee Program. Potential candidates express their interest in immigrating to Canada by first completing a profile online that is then pre-assessed to see if they meet criteria of one of the three federal immigration programs mentioned above. Candidates who meet these criteria are accepted into the Express Entry pool, given a score by the system based on the information in their profile and ranked against others in the pool according to their score. Only candidates with the highest rankings in the pool are invited to apply for permanent residence during rounds of invitations that occur approximately every two weeks.

Integration Outcomes and Future Challenges

- In 2018-2019, the Government of Canada is investing more than $762M on settlement services (via more than 500 third-party organizations across Canada, outside Quebec) to permanent residents and protected persons including refugees in order to support their successful settlement and integration in Canada. Funding levels are also being linked to the Multi-Year Immigration Levels Plan.

- Our approach has led to good outcomes in Canada. Immigrants have high levels of citizenship, civic participation and sense of belonging. Furthermore, the economic and educational outcomes of the children of immigrants are at par or exceed those of their Canadian-born counterparts. Overall, Canada is at the top tier of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development countries when considering immigrants' economic outcomes.

- But we are not complacent. More and more newcomers arrive with complex settlement needs - some traumatized from conflict zones, others with lower literacy, no or little knowledge of English or French, foreign credentials from more varying education systems - thus increasing pressure on settlement and other public services. Also, transformation of the labour market is occurring with digital technology becoming smarter, cheaper and easier to use. This could have impacts on the future of work e.g,. slower economic growth, job losses and lower wages.

- In the face of these challenges, Canada will have to ensure that integration programming is adaptable and responsive. We will draw on innovative experimentation, program evaluations, research, and best practices across Canada and also learn from other countries' practices and challenges. We will continue to support engagement mechanisms that facilitate multi-sectoral consultation, planning and coordination of its own and partners' integration efforts so that they are responsive to federal, subnational and local needs.

Provinces and Territories – Impacts/Social Services Pressures

- While the numbers of irregular migrants have increased in 2018 over 2017 in Quebec, they have decreased in Ontario, British Columbia and Manitoba.

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- For example, between April 2017 and April 2018:
  - Ontario: from 532 down to 227
  - British Columbia: from 37 down to 26
  - Manitoba: from 165 down to 50

- However, a significant number of irregular migrants (up to 70% depending on the week) move onwards from Quebec to other provinces, mostly Ontario.

- Between January 1, 2018 and April 30, 2018, there were 7,733 irregular migrants that crossed between official points of entry.
  - Quebec - 7,244 (94%) / Ontario – 129/ Manitoba – 159 / British Columbia - 201

- Under the Canada Social Transfer, the federal government provided $13.7B to provinces and territories in 2017-2018 to support their delivery of social services. Social Transfers to provinces experiencing pressures as a result of irregular migration in 2017-2018 are broken down as follows: Quebec: $3.1B / Ontario: $5.3B/ Manitoba: $0.5B /British Columbia: $1.8B

- Quebec: Quebec continues to experience the highest volumes of irregular migration in the country.

- Ontario: Up to 70% of irregular migrants who enter Canada between ports of entry in Quebec (depending on the week) indicate that they intend to live in other provinces and cities, primarily Toronto. Due to this influx of secondary migration to Toronto, where shelter space and affordable housing are extremely limited, the

- Manitoba: The Manitoba Premier has stated in the media that they are seeking $7.9M to compensate for the cost of housing and educating asylum seekers who crossed into Canada near Emerson. The primary challenge in Manitoba is housing, since Manitoba has limited beds for shelters.

- British Columbia: Irregular migration into British Columbia remains limited. Affordable housing is extremely limited with vacancy rates in Vancouver below 1%.

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Overview of Meeting with Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Chairman of the Judiciary Committee

Key Messages

Introductory Remarks:

- **Canada and the United States share a long history of close cooperation on border security, immigration and asylum matters.**

- **Canada is committed to doing all it can to protect security within our shared Canada-U.S. Perimeter. This includes taking concrete steps to address the unprecedented levels of irregular migrants crossing into Canada.**

Irregular Migration:

- **In 2017, over 20,000 people illegally crossed between Canada's ports of entry, out of a total of about 50,000 people who claimed asylum across our system. On**

- **Last summer, Haitian nationals were the top source country for irregular migration.**

- **Since fall 2017, Nigeria has been the top source country for irregular entries to Canada,**

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- **Working together to address the challenges that have arisen lately is key, and would continue to support our shared objective of a strong, and well-managed perimeter.**

NAFTA:

- **Canada remains prepared to engage in a good faith negotiation towards a modernized North American Free Trade Agreement. This will be very difficult as long as Canada is subject to unjustified tariffs on steel and aluminium, or on any other products.**

- **In order for discussions to move forward there needs to be a shared commitment to rules-based trade, improving North American competitiveness and achieving a win-win-win outcome.**

- **The U.S.' decision to impose tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum shipments is totally unacceptable. Canada is a secure supplier of aluminum and steel to the U.S. defence industry, including aluminum in U.S. planes and steel in U.S. tanks.**

- **The tariffs will harm industry and workers on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border, disrupting linked supply chains – key to making US companies globally competitive.**

- **Canada has been forced to respond to U.S. tariffs by imposing 16.6 billion in retaliatory tariffs on imports of steel, aluminum and other products from the U.S. — representing the total value of 2017 Canadian exports affected by the U.S. measures and including many of Iowa's main exports.**

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Background:

This will be your first meeting with Senator Grassley. Senator Grassley is a member of the Republican Party, having previously served as a member of the US House of Representatives from 1975–1981 (full biography provided). In January 2019, Grassley will become the most senior Republican serving in the United States Senate due to the retirement of Orrin Hatch, and the resignation of Thad Cochran.

Senator Grassley is now the current Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the 115th Congress. Established in 1816 as one of the original standing committees in the United States Senate, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary is one of the oldest and most influential committees in Congress. Its broad legislative jurisdiction has assured its primary role as a forum for the public discussion of social and constitutional issues.

The Judiciary Committee's oversight of the Department of Justice includes all of the agencies under the jurisdiction of that Department, including the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The mandate of the Committee includes immigration matters.

Senator Grassley has been very publicly supportive of the Trump Administration's immigration positions, and supports increased border and interior enforcement measures (including providing funding for fencing, technology and border patrol agents). The Senator is keenly interested in oversight, and over the last several years has been actively engaged in rooting out fraud and mismanagement of visa programs that do not work or that may be seen to disadvantage the American worker. His work has included efforts aimed at tackling loopholes that make visa programs susceptible to abuse (including the H-1B visa reforms). The H-1B is a non-immigrant visa in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act that allows U.S. employers to temporarily employ foreign workers in specialty occupations.

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Issues:

Safe Third Country Agreement and Irregular Migration:
The Safe Third Country Agreement is an agreement between the U.S. and Canada on the orderly processing of asylum claimants who present themselves at land ports of entry. The Agreement is based on the principle that those needing protection should claim asylum in the first safe country in which they arrive after fleeing their home country. The Agreement was negotiated such that it only applies at land border ports of entry, where border officers could visually confirm that an individual had crossed the border.

The Agreement was implemented in 2004 and does not take into account current realities, like the fact that robust biometric information-sharing now allows officials to verify the country of first presence without visual confirmation.

Given Senator Grassley's active engagement on rooting out fraud and mismanagement of visa programs,

NAFTA:
Senator Grassley may also decide to raise the issue of Treaty NAFTA (TN) visas granted to business professionals under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), as he has been vocal in asking the US Trade Representative to review and potentially reduce the numbers of Canadian and Mexican nationals admitted under this provision, arguing that American jobs must be protected. It should be noted that although Canadian Temporary Entry (NAFTA Chapter 16) negotiators are quite aware of the Senator's views, and have queried American counterparts on the matter, renegotiations of Chapter 16 continue to focus on protecting the existing access for worker provisions and modernizing where possible.

U.S Census Bureau data indicates:

- Iowa exported $250 million in iron and steel products in 2017 (#12 among U.S. states)
- Iowa imported $76 million in iron and steel products in 2017 (#24 among U.S. states)
- Total trade: $237 million (#16 among U.S. states), with a $175 million surplus.

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Overview of Meeting with Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-California), Senate Rules and Administration Committee

Key Messages

Introductory Remarks:

- **I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me today. My department has a very positive working relationship with our US counterparts at the Department of Homeland Security.**

- **Canada and the United States (US) enjoy a long history of close cooperation on border security, immigration and asylum matters.**

- **This includes taking concrete steps to address the unprecedented levels of irregular migrants crossing into Canada.**

Irregular Migration:

- **In 2017, over 20,000 people crossed illegally into Canada between ports of entry from the US, which is a figure out of a total of about 50,000 people who claimed asylum across our system.**

- **Last summer, Haitian nationals were the top source country for irregular migration.**

- **Since fall 2017, Nigeria has been the top source for irregular migrants crossing into Canada from the US.**

Safe Third Country Agreement:

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Questions to Raise on Irregular Migration:

- **What are some of the endeavours that you are working on in terms of asylum claimants in the US?**
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NAFTA:

- **I would now like to turn to a discussion on NAFTA. Canada remains open and prepared to engage in good faith negotiations towards a modernized NAFTA.**
- **We enjoy a strong trade partnership with the US that benefits both our economies.**

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- **I appreciate your stance on immigration and NAFTA. Therefore, I want to extend a request for cooperation to further strengthen Canada's relationship with the US.**

Questions to Raise on NAFTA:

- **What are some tools or methods that you can use to raise awareness of how tariffs are negatively impacting Canadians and Americans alike?**

- **What are some of the current or prospective measures that you will take regarding the imposition of tariffs, which will impact California?**

Background:

This will be your first meeting with Senator Feinstein. Senator Feinstein is a member of the Democratic Party, and is a senior senator from California. She was first elected in 1992 (full biography attached – Annex A), and she is now serving her fifth term in the Senate. Senator Feinstein is up for re-election this fall. Since 2017, Senator Feinstein has served as the ranking Democrat in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senator Feinstein has been critical of President Trump's immigration policies and opposed efforts to halt the US Refugee program and suspend the admission of immigrants from Muslim-majority countries. To that end, she has co-sponsored bills to challenge the legality of his executive orders.

Senator Feinstein supports comprehensive immigration reform. She co-sponsored the DREAM Act that, had it passed, would have provided a path to legal status for Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) beneficiaries – undocumented immigrants who arrived in the US as minors and have lived in the US for four years. Senator Feinstein co-sponsored a bill to extend protection from deportation for those in the DACA program for three additional years.

Senator Feinstein voted against "Kate's Law", which intended to increase the maximum sentence for the illegal re-entry into the US by undocumented immigrants who have been turned away. This is despite having said prior that she would write a bill that would require her local governments to comply with federal immigration requests.

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Issues:

Safe Third Country Agreement and Irregular Migration

The Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA) is an agreement between the US and Canada on the orderly processing of asylum claimants who present themselves at land ports of entry. The Agreement is based on the principle that those needing protection should claim asylum in the first safe country in which they arrive after fleeing their home country. The Agreement was negotiated such that it only applies at land border ports of entry, where border officers could visually confirm that an individual had crossed the border.

The Agreement was implemented in 2004 and does not take into account current realities, like the fact that robust biometric information-sharing now allows officials to verify the country of first presence without visual confirmation.

In addition, it provides an opportunity to emphasize the importance of maintaining strong visa systems as a key element of shared border security. Since fall 2017, Nigeria has been the top source country for irregular entries to Canada.

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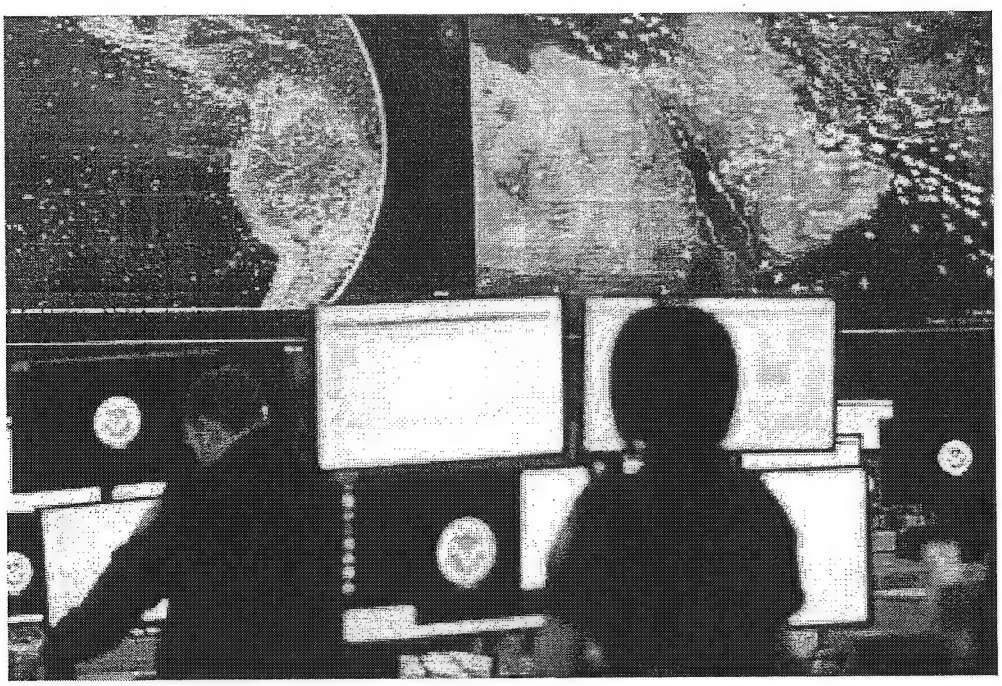

Summary: On May 8, 2018 WSHDC-IM (Burtnick, Barry) accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the Immigration Fraud Immigration Exchange (iFIX) Working Group at the United States' Customs and Border Protection (CBP) National Targeting Center (NTC) in Sterling, Virginia. Since 2001 the NTC has worked nonstop to track and intercept travelers and cargo that pose threats to U.S. national security. Along with its domestic focus, the NTC is increasing its reach and effectiveness by working with partner nations committed to fighting global threats.

The facility in Virginia incorporates ten divisions of the NTC and includes almost 1,000 personnel from across the U.S. Government,

2) The meeting began by NTC officers from different divisions providing an overview of the NTC, focusing on air passenger movement, cargo shipments, and intelligence gathering, analysis and

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exchange. It was highlighted that the NTC was created in response to the events of September 11, 2001,

IFIX members were shown a timeline graphic painted on a long hallway in the building that visually tells the story of how the organization grew and how it has responded to foreign and domestic threats subsequent to 9/11. The lobby contains several artifacts from the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks, such as twisted metal structural beams and concrete fragments, to remind officers of the importance of their work and the need to remain vigilant.

3) In addition to providing an overview of the work done there,

4) **Observations:** Following the overview presentation, a tour of the facility was provided

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Attachments: FW: Joint DHS-IRCC release for meeting on

Importance: High

Hi Kathy and Maureen,

I see that the US sent the attached to Jack Branswell yesterday for their own press release.

Kindly let us know asap,
Sandra

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Approved.

Kathy: When you send to Paul for approval, pls ensure he is aware of instruction

Thanks,

Glen

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Hi Glen,

Please see edited Comms lines below based on Paul's comments yesterday for your review. I
as Kathy pointed out,

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Morning! New text is highlighted. Please add/edit where necessary. This is going to have to move fast: ADMO, DMO, MINO, and PCO in a few short hours.

Minister Hussen addresses irregular migration with U.S. officials

Meeting with Kirstjen M. Nielsen, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security on Canada –U.S. immigration issues

June 4, 2018—Washington, DC – As part of ongoing discussions with international counterparts, today the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, conducted a productive meeting with Kirstjen M. Nielsen, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security.

Minister Hussen sat down with Secretary Nielsen to discuss issues related to the Canada-U.S. border. Discussions covered a wide range of issues including northbound irregular migration trends, visa policy, biometrics, in addition to options for the possible modernization of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

The two also discussed ongoing outreach being conducted in the U.S. to raise awareness of the risks and misconceptions associated with irregular migration.

Canada and the U.S have a long history of working closely together on issues of shared importance relating to border management issues. Information sharing on increased flows of asylum seekers from Nigeria is a recent example. Minister Hussen expressed his appreciation for collective efforts to address issues regarding visa issuance to Nigerian nationals, given the number of asylum claimants crossing into Canada with valid U.S. visas.

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– The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

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– The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

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Perfect !

Robert Santarelli – *on behalf of Lorra Thompson*

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Perfect! Robert sending you the final now,

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Subject: RE: PCO-DM meeting

H Glen,

The only bullets that have changed are the following.

From previous version, you saw the following:

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In the new version, this is how I redrafted:

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OK thanks. Looking forward to hearing more..

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Thanks so much Glen!!

Unfortunately (or fortunately), I just got a debrief from Paul on the meeting and it's worth adding a bit more to the bullets, so will just tweak a tiny bit. Hope that's ok and sorry!!
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Looks great! Approved.

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Hi Glen,

Attached is the new version to take into account your 3 points,
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From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 6, 2018 11:07 AM
To: MacKinnon.Paul; Linder.Glen
Cc: Hepburn.Wendy; Thompson.Lorra
Subject: FW: Heads up

Head's up, PS appears to be leading a visit of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to Ottawa next week, on June 12.

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Subject: FW: Heads up

Sandra and André :

Please see message we received from our PS colleague here.

You will see that Deputy Attorney General ROD Rosenstein is coming next week to Ottawa – PS seems to be the lead for that visit.

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Sandra: suggest your team be in contact with your PS colleagues at HQ, if not already, regarding this visit.

Thanks,

André

From: Manji, Natasha -WSHDC -GR
Sent: June-06-18 10:50 AM
To: Valotaire, Andre -WSHDC -IM; Barry, Dean -WSHDC -IM
Subject: Heads up

Hi there,
First of all, I'm sorry that I will have to miss today's Knowledge Initiative. I'm now prepping for a couple of meetings that have come up unexpectedly. Which leads me to my second point:

- Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein will be in Ottawa next week, on June 12.

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Overview of Roundtable Luncheon with Migration Policy Institute

KEY MESSAGES AND NOTES

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Thank you to Dimitri and colleagues at MPI for organizing this luncheon today. I know we have an interesting mix of academics, immigration experts and thought leaders, and I am looking forward to our discussions.

- To start our discussion, I am pleased to share with you some of the current thinking and directions at IRCC, with respect to irregular migration and asylum system management and reform. To this end, I will turn to my colleague, Fraser Valentine, Director General, Refugee Affairs Bureau at IRCC, who will provide us with an overview of some of the current efforts relating to asylum system reform in Canada.

QUESTIONS TO RAISE

- What are some of the methods that Canada and the US can deploy to ensure that our shared perimeter is secure?

- From your research and analysis, how can governments' efforts be endorsed to address present challenges in irregular migrations?

- Are there some predictions or future forecasts that you can provide with respect to the larger global migration movement?

- How can governments ensure efficiency and productivity of their asylum systems without compromising asylum program integrity?

- What are some optimal ways to structure an asylum system that will support fast processing, fairness and finality?

- Do you anticipate that these decisions will have an impact on irregular migration movements from the Americas into the Canada-US perimeter?

BACKGROUND

You will be attending a roundtable luncheon organized by the Migration Policy Institute (MPI) on June 18, 2018, from 12:30-2:00PM. MPI is an independent, nonpartisan, non-profit think tank based in Washington, DC, focused on developing migration and refugee policies at local, national and international levels. MPI organized a roundtable for Minister Hussen's recent visit to DC. They are engaged on Canada-US issues.

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MPI has brought together a group of policy experts for today's event, to participate in a candid exchange on asylum policy and procedures, with a focus on what Canada and the United States can learn from each other at this time. Participants include a mix of academics, thought leaders, and immigration experts:

- Bo Cooper, Partner, Fragomen
- Mary Giovagnoli, Chair, Refugee Council USA, and former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Alejandro Mayorkas, Former Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security
- Doris Meissner, Senior Fellow and Director, U.S. Immigration Policy Program
- Demetrios Papademetrious, founder, MPI
- Andrew (Andy) Schoenholtz, Director of the Human Rights Institute, the Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies, the Center for Applied Legal Studies, and the Asylum Clinic, Georgetown Law; and Deputy Director, Institute for the Study of International Migration

Discussions are expected to focus on irregular migration, asylum reform, refugee integration, and border management.

ISSUES

Irregular Migration

Canada continues to experience significant pressures at the Canada-US border. In 2017, over 20,000 people crossed irregularly between ports of entry, out of a total of about 50,000 people who claimed asylum across our system.

One of the main reasons for this substantial increase is the large number of migrants that are crossing into Canada from the US between ports of entry. In 2017, 33,000 migrants claimed asylum at the Canada-US border, 21,000 of which were intercepted irregularly crossing between ports of entry. Since they are entering Canada between ports of entry, these migrants are able to evade the STCA.

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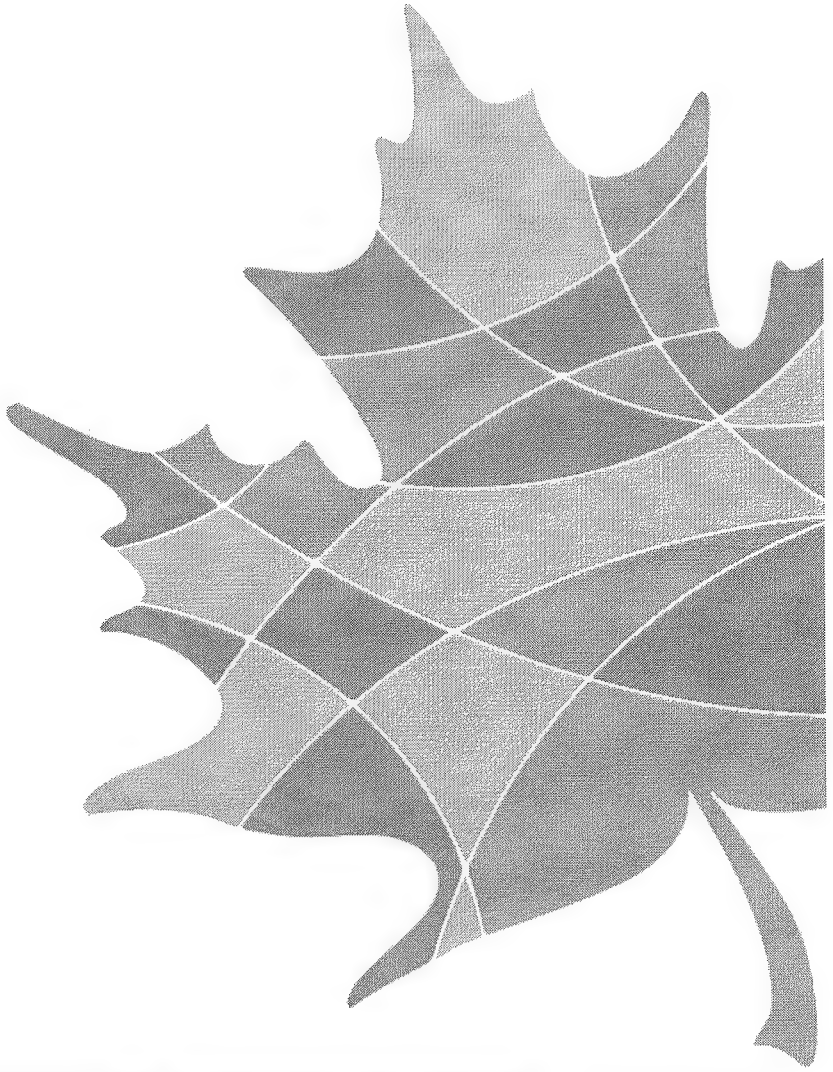
Review of Canada's Asylum System



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Purpose

1. **Provide information on the key findings of an independent review of Canada's asylum system conducted over the last year.**

2. **Exchange best practices – to support future respective asylum system reforms.**

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Fundamentals of asylum systems

International Obligations	Decisions on asylum claims must respect legal obligations under international protection laws (*non-refoulement*).
Fairness	Asylum claimants must be able to present their story to enable full examination of merits of their claim. All claims must be treated fairly and with impartiality, but can be processed in different ways (i.e. some claims for protection are straightforward and do not require a full hearing to assess merit).
Recourse	A fair asylum system requires access to recourse, but should not delay bringing finality to the process.
Program Integrity	A well-functioning asylum system hinges on ability to remove failed claimants quickly, and not let the system become an alternate path for permanent establishment by those not in need of Canada's protection.

Efficiency must be balanced against the need to maintain public safety and the security.

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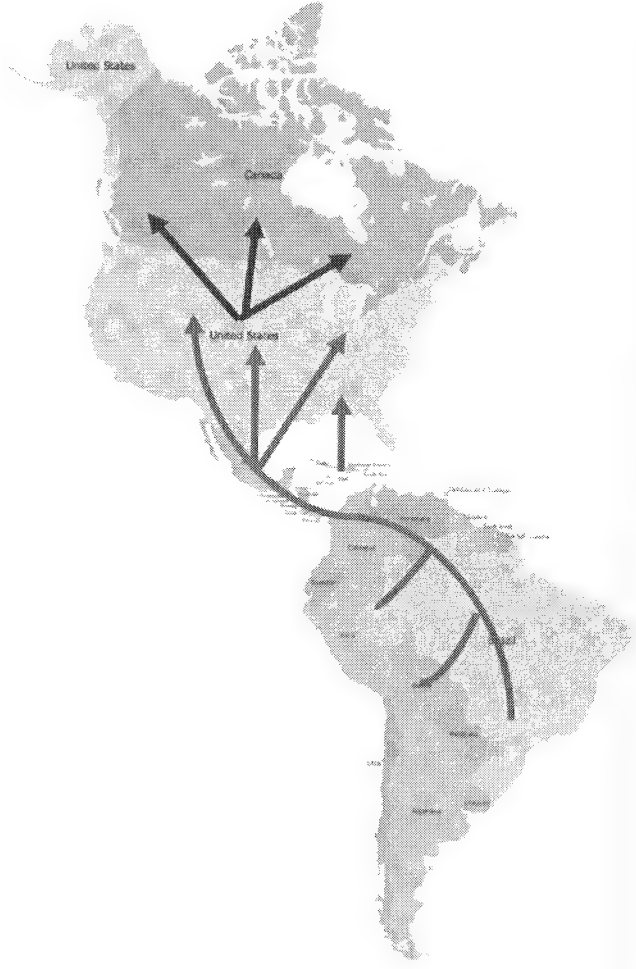
Global migration flows are increasing and migration patterns to North America are changing

- Seeing **increasingly mixed flows** of migrants through Americas (asylum seekers, refugees, human trafficking, economic opportunity)
- **Recent factors** include:
  - Outflows from South America, Caribbean & North of Central America
  - Increased extra-continental arrivals from Asia and Africa
  - US policy changes (incl. TPS and DACA)
  - Canada's reputation as a welcoming country



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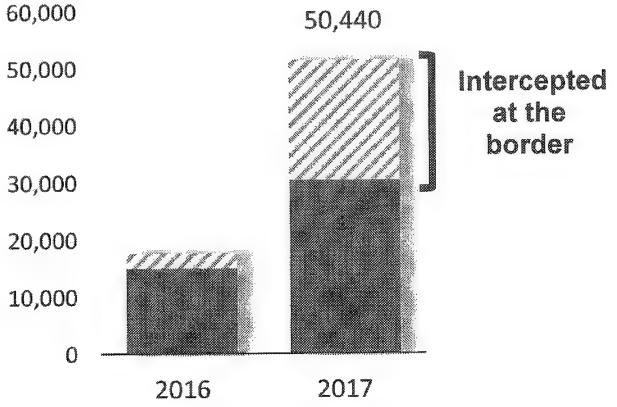
Canada is receiving historically high claim volumes, which is putting significant pressure on the asylum system

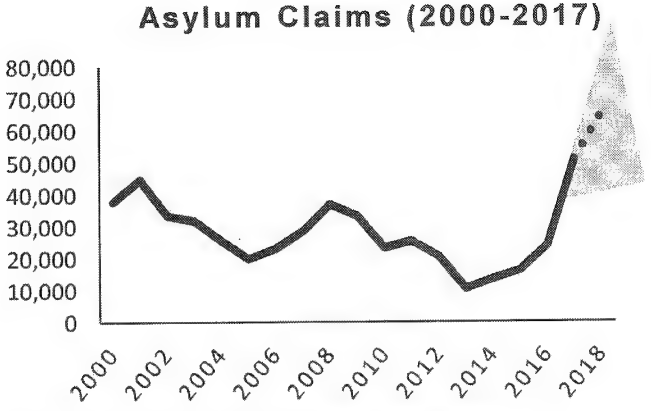
2017

- Over **50,000** claims, a historic high; over **double** what our system is funded to process.
- **60%** of those claimants arrived in a regular manner at a port of entry or inland.
- Approximately **21,000** interceptions of irregular migrants between ports of entry (approx. **40%** of all claims).

2018

- Over **17,000** claims from January to April 2018 (**43%** higher than the same period last year).
- **44%** of claims were from irregular entries.





Higher asylum claim volumes are the new normal.

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Shared responsibilities are a central feature of Canada's asylum system*

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Overall steward of asylum system; responsible for policy direction, guiding implementation, monitoring, reporting, and delivering parts of the program (e.g. intake of inland claims).

Public Safety portfolio

Responsible for enforcement policies and leading various security and enforcement activities (e.g. security screening, hearings, arrest, detention, investigation, and removal of failed claimants).

Asylum System

Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB)

Responsible for refugee claim determination and appeals.

Federal Court

Responsible for judicial review of all decisions made by the IRB.

*See Annex A for an overview of Canada's current system design

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The IRB is facing persistent challenges with respect to capacity, productivity and funding

	2017	2018
Intake	50,000	60 - 80,000
Capacity	24,000	*33,000

* *With funding received in Budget 2018*

- In 2016, about 16,000 claims finalized at the Refugee Protection Division (RPD); in 2017, **23,135**.
- No contingency framework to provide additional funding to increase IRB capacity when intake rises.
- Sustainable funding: measures to increase efficiencies of the asylum system are needed, but they are insufficient alone to bridge the gap between IRB processing capacity and growing claim volumes.

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In 2017 the Minister of IRCC commissioned an independent review of the Immigration and Refugee Board

- **65 individual recommendations** covering various areas.
- A **systems management approach** (including a DM-level Asylum System Management Board) proposed two options to achieve three objectives:
  1. **Establish system processing priorities**
  2. **Integrate processes**
  3. **Increase productivity**

Option 1
System Reform Model

- Maintains current accountability structures with greater horizontal management under the Minister of IRCC and coordination by DM-level management board.

Option 2
New Asylum Agency

- Creation of a new Asylum Agency that would report to the Minister of IRCC with oversight by the management board.

The final report of the review will be released to the public in June 2018, and will be followed by consultations this summer.

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Moving Forward: the Government is looking to reform the asylum system

Overall Goal

FAST *Deliver decisions in a timely manner, that result in protection or removals;*

FAIR *Provide an opportunity to be heard by qualified and impartial decision-makers; and*

FINAL *Undertake timely departures/removals once avenues of recourse are exhausted.*

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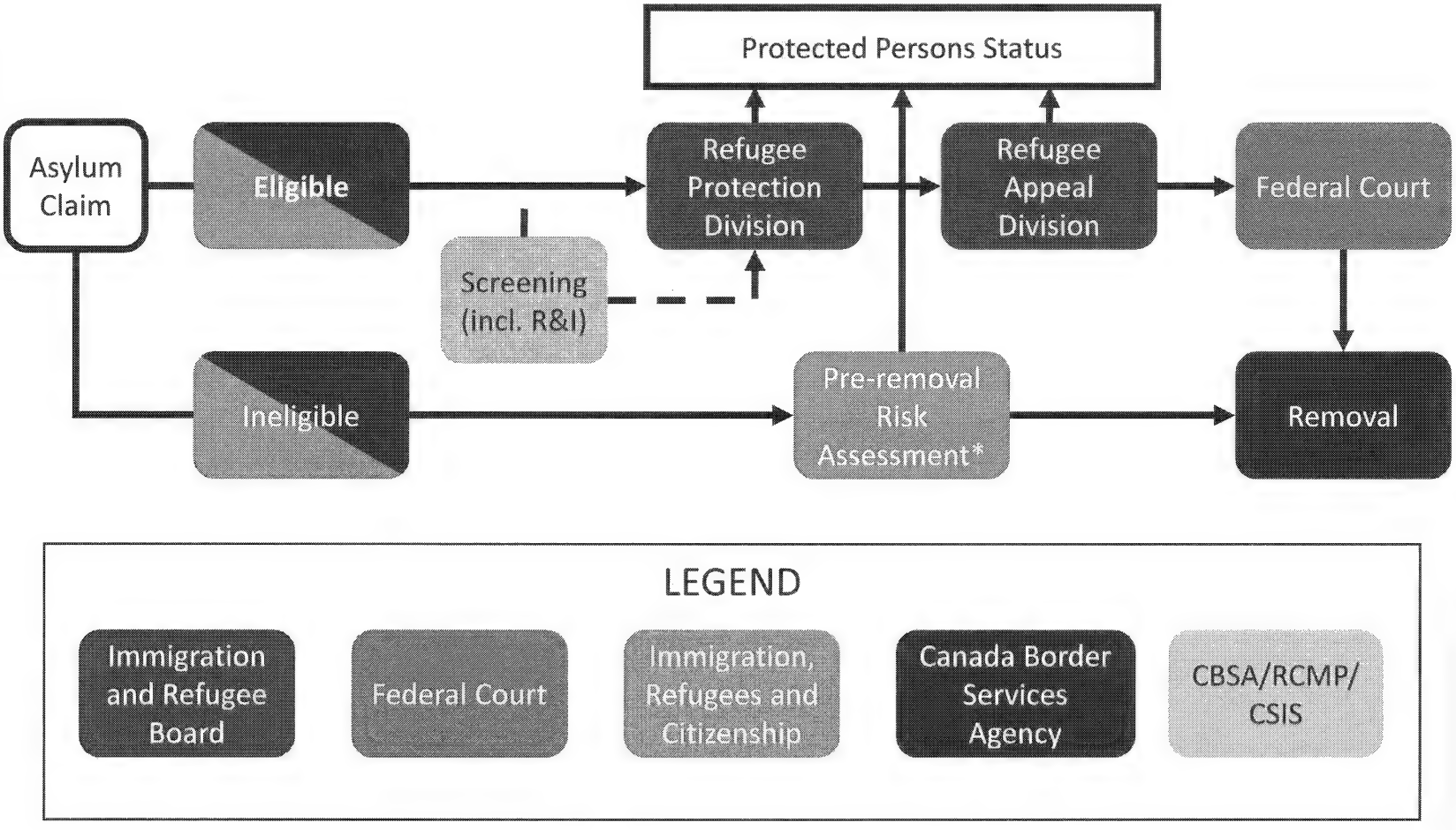
Annex A: Asylum System Design



** Pre-Removal Risk Assessments are also available to failed claimants after a certain period of time has passed since their last negative decisions and removal*

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From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 22, 2018 12:07 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Yes, for sure! I'll call you in one minute,
Sandra

From:
Sent: June 22, 2018 12:06 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Are you free for that call? Can you call me at

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 11:19:59 AM
To:
Subject: Re: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Super - thanks so much
S

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.
From:
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Leduc.Sandra
Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?

I also have a call at 11:30. How about I email you when I am clear from it?

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 11:05:09 AM
To:
Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?

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Hi

Can we chat this morning? I have a meeting until 11:30 but am free after. Would love to speak for 2mns,
Sandra

From:
Sent: June 21, 2018 6:31 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Hi Sandra,
I'm in the States with terrible cell coverage right. I can look for better coverage to chat tomorrow.

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 4:30:20 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?
Hi]

Can we have a quick chat? Would be great to speak over the phone if possible,
Sandra

From:
Sent: June 21, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca<mailto:Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>>;

Cc:

Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Hi Sandra-
My apologies for being in and out of my office today and missing your call. Regarding timing for a call on or end, we do not have any updates from the Secretary-Minister meeting in order for Mr. McCament and ADM MacKinnon to plan any next steps.

Does ADM MacKinnon have availability for a cal after our respective holidays?

From: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca<mailto:Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 11:14 AM
To:

Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Hi

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Can we talk?
Sandra

From:
Sent: June 21, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca<mailto:Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>>;

Subject: RE: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Hi Sandra-

From: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca<mailto:Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 10:02 AM
To:
Cc:

Subject: FW: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Hi

Just seeing if this is something you can help with in absence.

Best,
Sandra

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 21, 2018 10:01 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Call with James McCament Next Week?

Hi

Hope you are doing really well. Would it be possible to schedule a call between Paul MacKinnon and James McCament next

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week? The purpose would be to talk about the follow-up/next steps from the Secretary Nielsen-Minister Hussen meeting last week. Leslie and I discussed this last week, and we both thought it would be a good idea. I think 30mns is probably sufficient.

Can you let me know when this can be set up?

Thanks!!
Sandra

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Lulla-Howe.Liia

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 8, 2018 4:11 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: Replacement of DHS Liaison Officer at IRCC

Hi again,

So on this one, I conferred with Glen Linder, and surprise, the POC is me. Glen and I talked about what the internal process for setting up the new DHS officer here could look like, to ensure a smooth transition with Georgia. Let's discuss next week?

Sandra

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From:
Sent: June 7, 2018 10:34 AM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>
Cc:
Subject: Replacement of DHS Liaison Officer at IRCC

Hi Sandra-

, and we wanted to check with you about who the current, correct POC within IRCC is? It used to be Kayla Estrin, but since she is no longer there, we need to re-establish who it will be going forward for the next several months. Can you assist?

Many thanks and old me of the successful meeting between Minister Hussen and Secretary Nielsen earlier this week. Glad to hear it went well!

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Lulla-Howe.Liia

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 7, 2018 2:32 PM
To: 'Adler, Jeremy'
Cc: Gray, Tara
Subject: RE: update for Cda-US bilat

Hi Jeremy,

Thanks very much for this. After our meeting this morning, I signal-checked with our ADM

Let me know,
Sandra

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From: Adler, Jeremy [mailto:Jeremy.Adler@pco-bcp.gc.ca]
Sent: June 7, 2018 2:23 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Gray, Tara <Tara.Gray@pco-bcp.gc.ca>
Subject: update for Cda-US bilat

Sandra – thanks again for the update provided today during the Canada-US directors meeting at GAC.

Following our discussion, I will need to urgently update the note and talking points

With this in mind, I would be grateful if you could please confirm the accuracy and appropriateness of the following background and responsive points:

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Responsive TPs:

Please feel free to give me a call to discuss further. I'm cc'ing Tara Gray, who leads on the file at PCO.

Thanks,
Jeremy

Jeremy Adler

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Lulla-Howe.Liia

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 4, 2018 5:59 PM
To: Mercier.Melany
Subject: RE: Thank you
Attachments: May 31 2018 - US Congressional Tour to Canada - Irregular Migration_.pdf

Here you go!

Et pareillement de mon côté! C'est super facile de travailler avec toi ☺
Sandra

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From: Mercier.Melany
Sent: June 4, 2018 5:26 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Thank you

Since I'm not technologically proficient, do you think one of your young people could turn the doc into PDF?

Et merci a toi, c'est agréable de travailler avec de gens positifs!

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From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 4, 2018 5:22 PM
To: Mercier.Melany <Melany.Mercier@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Thank you

No issues! Et merci pour ton message de l'autre jour. Je n'avais pas eu la chance d'y répondre, mais essentiellement j'étais vraiment contente de mon côté d'avoir pu avoir cette opportunité. Plus on profite de toutes les occasions qui

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s'ouvrent à nous pour se parler entre pays, mieux sera notre relation et nos échanges. Merci encore – je suis super contente!
Sandra

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From: Mercier.Melany
Sent: June 4, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: FW: Thank you

I see no issue with a locked presentation if you are comfortable.

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From: Laura.Lumsden@international.gc.ca [mailto:Laura.Lumsden@international.gc.ca]
Sent: June 4, 2018 2:32 PM
To: Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>; Mercier.Melany <Melany.Mercier@cic.gc.ca>; Yee.Sophia <Sophia.Yee@cic.gc.ca>; Ralickas.Cynthia <Cynthia.Ralickas@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Dean.Barry@international.gc.ca; Adam.Barratt@international.gc.ca
Subject: Thank you

Sandra,

A sincere thank you for your presentation last week on irregular migration for the congressional border tour delegation. The entire delegation benefited from hearing directly from IRCC on this developing issue, particularly as a few in the room had little to no experience on the subject. Those present represent important committees and offices on Capitol Hill and we can expect that the knowledge gained by those in the room in Richmond will be dispersed not only with their respective Members of Congress whom they work for directly, but also with their colleagues.

To you and Sophia for delivering this presentation and to Melany and Cynthia for helping bring this together, please accept my gratitude.

As a quick aside, let me know if you'd be open to sharing a locked PDF version of the presentation with the delegation.

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It's been a pleasure working with you all. I'm looking forward to doing so again.

All the best from Washington,

Laura Lumsden
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Northbound Irregular Migration Movement at the US-Canada Border

May 31, 2018

Sandra Leduc, Director of US Relations

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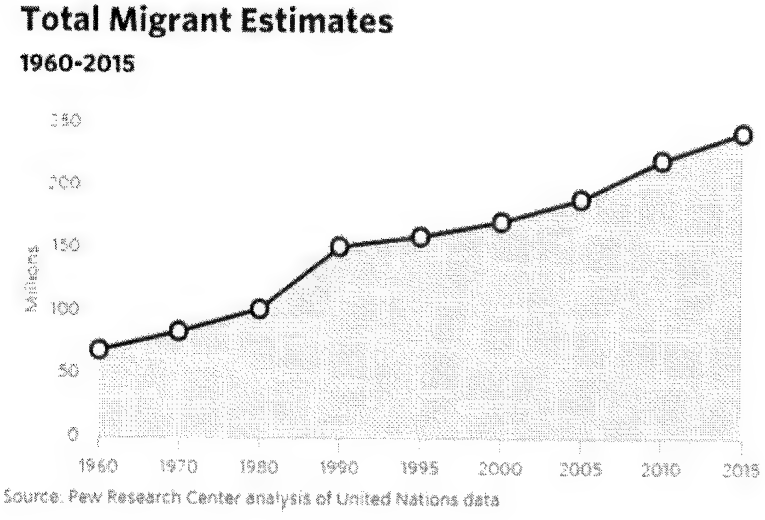
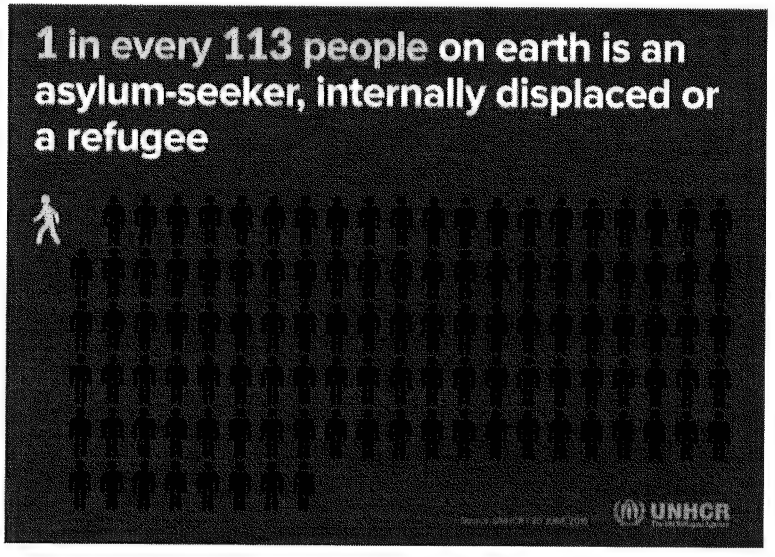
Global Migration

- **In 2017, the number of international migrants** worldwide was **the highest ever recorded**, having reached over **258 million.**
- There are roughly **65 million forcibly displaced persons**, including over **22.5M refugees.**
- The latest numbers show that there are **20 new displacements every minute.**





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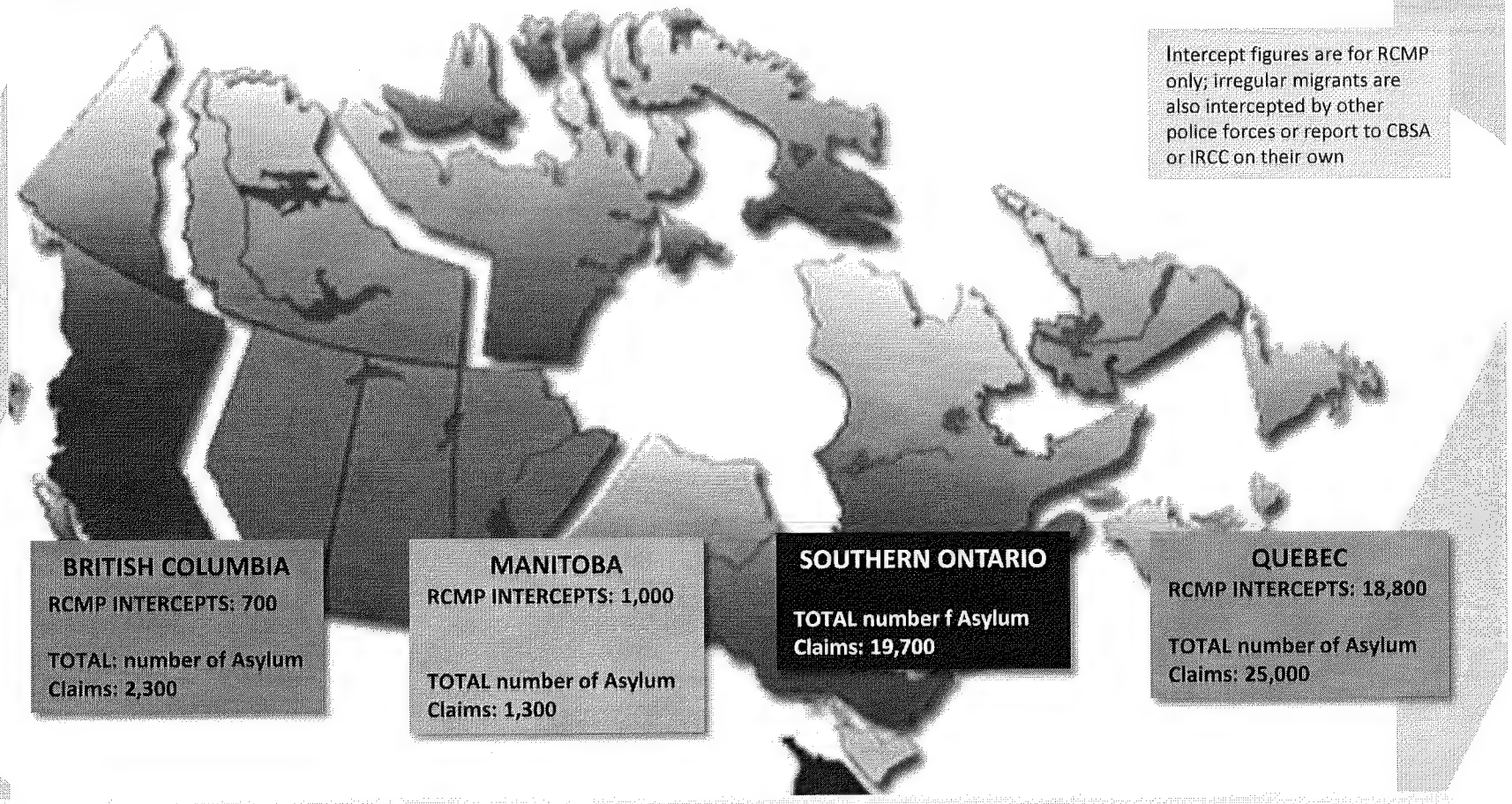
mpacts at the Canada-US Border:

egular Entries and Asylum Claims (2017)

Intercept figures are for RCMP only; irregular migrants are also intercepted by other police forces or report to CBSA or IRCC on their own



Key takeaway: There were 50,000 asylum claimants across Canada in 2017, and over 20,000 of these were from irregular migrants. As of April 2018, Canada received over 7,770 irregular asylum claims this year.

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Asylum Snapshot – Notable Trends 2017

Top 5 Citizenships for Asylum Claims at Land Borders	
Citizenship	**# (approx.)**
Haiti	1,300
Colombia	790
United States	780
Burundi	560
Syria	540

Top 5 Citizenships for Asylum Claims at Inland Offices (mainly irregular migrants)	
Citizenship	**# (approx.)**
Haiti	6,550
Nigeria	4,750
United States	1,690
Turkey	1650
Pakistan	1,130

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Irregular Migrants with Valid Non-Immigrant US Visas

Since fall 2017, Nigeria has been the top source country for entries between ports of entry.

From September 2017 to March 2018, over 4,200 Nigerian nationals were intercepted between POEs.

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Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA)

Irregular migrants crossing into Canada between ports of entry evade the application of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

Implemented in 2004, the STCA is based on the principle that asylum-seekers should seek protection in the first safe country in which they arrive. This principle is supported by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

Who does it apply to	Who it does not apply to
• Those making an asylum claim at a land border port of entry between Canada and the US	• Those crossing the Canada-US land border between ports of entry • U. citizens • Those who arrive from the US by sea or at an airport

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Way forward / issues for discussion:

- Given continuing global population movement, what are the likely future effects on both of our countries?

- What are your thoughts on further collaboration between the US and Canada to address irregular migration?

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Edwards.Emilia

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 4, 2018 7:36 PM
To: Hepburn.Wendy; IRCC.F DGO IIR / BDG RII F.IRCC
Subject: RE: Urgent Tasking) PCO Meeting: DM-Level Meeting on Canada-US on June 5
Attachments: PCO_DM Level Meeting on Canada_US_June 5.doc

Done! Have addressed Paul's comments. Attached is the revised version,
Sandra

From: Hepburn.Wendy
Sent: June 4, 2018 7:11 PM
To: IRCC.F DGO IIR / BDG RII F.IRCC <IRCC.DGOIIR-BDGRII.IRCC2@cic.gc.ca>; Leduc.Sandra <Sandra.Leduc@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: Fw: Urgent Tasking) PCO Meeting: DM-Level Meeting on Canada-US on June 5

Hi! For urgent turnaround. Thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: MacKinnon.Paul <Paul.MacKinnon@cic.gc.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 6:41 PM
To: Hepburn.Wendy; MacDonald.Mike (AADM)
Cc: IRCC.F ADMO SPP / PSP BSMA F.IRCC; Hawkins.Janelle
Subject: Re: Urgent Tasking) PCO Meeting: DM-Level Meeting on Canada-US on June 5

The note looks good, I would say something like

This can replace what is there around this issue.

Thanks.

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From: Hepburn.Wendy
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 5:11 PM
To: MacKinnon.Paul; MacDonald.Mike (AADM)
Cc: IRCC.F ADMO SPP / PSP BSMA F.IRCC; Hawkins.Janelle
Subject: FW: Urgent Tasking) PCO Meeting: DM-Level Meeting on Canada-US on June 5

Urgent for approval – for DM meeting tomorrow with PCO on Canada-US.

Agenda includes:

1. Update on response to steel and aluminum tariffs
2. U.S. advocacy and engagement
3. Current approach/posture

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4. Tour de table: upcoming significant events/initiatives
5. Communications and announcements
6. AOB

DM participants include Agriculture, Chief of Defence, DND, ECCC, Finance, GAC (FA, and trade), IRCC, ISED, NRCan, PS, and TC).

Wendy

From: Zygoumis.Terri
Sent: June 4, 2018 9:56 AM
To: IRCC.F ADMO SPP / PSP BSMA F.IRCC <IRCC.ADMOSPP-PSPBSMA.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: IRCC.F DMO 20 Advisors / Conseillères BSM 20 F.IRCC <IRCC.DMO20Advisors-ConseilleresBSM20.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: Urgent Tasking) PCO Meeting: DM-Level Meeting on Canada-US on June 5
Importance: High

Good Morning SPP,

The Deputy Minister has been invited to attend a PCO meeting on Canada-US. We have not received any agenda for it yet however once we do we will pass it along.

In the meantime can you please prepare a Meeting Note to the DM on IRCC's current interactions and issues with the US.

Due in DMO **today June 4**

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Moise.Antoine

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 14, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Hepburn.Wendy; Mercier.Melany
Subject: FW: IRCC Analysis

Hi there,

Mike had wanted me to produce an analysis on the above-noted subject matter as he said DMs and the 21st floor would appreciate a short analytical piece. If Mike hasn't done so, assume you will send/or have already sent up? Let me know if you want me to make any changes, or put in an actual attachment, etc.
Sandra

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Sent: June 13, 2018 8:37 PM
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Cc: Hepburn.Wendy <Wendy.Hepburn@cic.gc.ca>; Mercier.Melany <Melany.Mercier@cic.gc.ca>; Thompson.Lorra <Lorra.Thompson@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: IRCC Analysis

Dear colleagues,

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Moise.Antoine

From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 8, 2018 5:17 PM
To: Thompson.Lorra
Cc: IRCC.F DGO IIR / BDG RII F.IRCC; Ralickas.Cynthia
Subject: ADM Weekly Bullets

Importance: High

Here you go:

- Work is ongoing with WSHDC to develop programme and draft briefing materials for DM's June 18 trip to Washington. Proposed meetings include:
    - MPI/TCM roundtable
    - Small MPI luncheon to discuss Asylum Reform
    - Meeting with USCIS Associate Director Jennifer Higgins (Director Cissna is unavailable)
    - Meeting with HOM Ambassador McNaughton, focus on Asylum Reform
    - Potential meeting on irregular migration with PS, CBSA, RCMP liaison officers

- Drafted a follow-up letter from Min Hussen to Sec Nielsen, confirming next steps following the June 4 meeting, for your review.

- Also, working on a proposed engagement strategy over the next two months to follow the letter. Will send for your review next week.

- As part of that strategy, will be meeting with DHS attaché next Thursday to discuss next steps. Will debrief afterwards.

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From: Baril.Andre
Sent: June 6, 2018 3:36 PM
To: Winsor.Leah
Subject: FW: Nielsen Letter
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Fyi.

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From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 6, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Baril.Andre <Andre.Baril@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: Nielsen Letter

Hi André,

Voici la lettre envoyée au bureau du SMA à midi. Je vais demander à Wendy de fixer une rencontre pour RAB et IIR pour discuter des prochaines étapes,
Sandra

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Sent: June 11, 2018 1:49 PM
To: Winsor.Leah
Cc: Grainger.Steve
Subject: RE: HUB input to DM trip to Washington JUNE 17th-18th, 2018

Yes, will do. Thanks.

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From: Winsor.Leah
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To: Chao.Kim <Kim.Chao@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Grainger.Steve <Steve.Grainger@cic.gc.ca>; Winsor.Leah <Leah.Winsor@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: HUB input to DM trip to Washington JUNE 17th-18th, 2018

Kim, further to André's email below, do you want to send along our comments to IIR after SRO provides its input to you?

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Sent: June 11, 2018 1:38 PM
To: Winsor.Leah <Leah.Winsor@cic.gc.ca>
Cc: Chao.Kim <Kim.Chao@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: friendly reminder - [DUE]: For Review/Approval: DM trip to Washington JUNE 17th-18th, 2018

Very hard to make sense of these notes – especially with tracked changes from everyone.

Suggest you guys send the comments to them, and then let's ask for us to have the notes send to our DGO for final review. As Fraser is going, we can then use the next version to see how ready the notes are for him.

Kim, pls note.

Andre Baril

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Hi- one last thing- Washington DM trip- HUB input proposed / enclosed. Thanks !

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Cc: Beausoleil.Sylvie <Sylvie.Beausoleil@cic.gc.ca>; Leroux.Tina <Tina.Leroux@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: [DUE COB JUNE 8]: For Review/Approval: DM trip to WashingtonJUNE 17th-18th, 2018
Importance: High

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Thanks,

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Sent: June 7, 2018 5:05 PM
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Subject: For Review/Approval: DM trip to WashingtonJUNE 17th-18th, 2018
Importance: High

Hi DGOs -

The DM is travelling to Washington on June 18 for meetings with:

- Small meeting on asylum system reform (MPI)
- Meeting with Assistant Secretary Cissna from USCIS
- Meeting with HOM/DHOM at CAD Embassy

Here are the notes:
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Please provide input by **COB Friday June 8**.

Many thanks! Lorra

From: Charron.Mélanie
Sent: June 7, 2018 3:21 PM
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Subject: RE: TASKING: Washington, United States of America - JUNE 17th-18th, 2018

Hello everyone,
Please note that the programme for the DM visit in Washington is due tomorrow **June 8th 2018** COB (5 p.m.)
Many Thanks,

Mélanie Charron

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Subject: TASKING: Washington, United States of America - JUNE 17th-18th, 2018

Good day SPP,

Please prepare a programme proposal for the **Deputy Minister** regarding her participation to the UN General Assembly in :
Washington, United States of America (JUNE 17th-18th, 2018).

CONTEXT
Migration Policy Institute Roundtable

VISIT OBJECTIVES
- Migration Policy Institute Roundtable objectives
- Small meeting on asylum system reform (DM asked Demetri at MCI to organize)
- Meeting with Assistant Secretary Cissna from Homeland Security
- Meeting with HOM/DHOM at CAD Embassy
- There are also other meetings incorporated (i.e. USCIS) in the attached programme, as per SPP email to DMO-20 yesterday.

DEADLINE

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The Lead ADM-approved and support ADMO reviewed version of the proposed program must be received in the Visits Unit by COB on **June 8th 2018** If you foresee any delay, please contact us as soon as possible so that we may negotiate an alternative deadline.

ONCE APPROVED BY Lead ADM

Please send the GCDOCS link to the Visits Unit. Please ensure that you give full access and editing ability to the Visits Unit.

Following initial review and feedback from the Minister, and as required until the delivery of the visit, the Visits Unit will send out a request and host a department-level meeting required to ensure that the organization of this visit is running smoothly. This is an opportunity for key players to address issues, concerns, questions and comments on any aspect of the visit.

CONTACT

For questions or concerns, please contact: renee.carpentierproulx@cic.gc.ca.

We will keep you posted if there are any additions or changes to this request.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Sent: June 11, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Vasavada.Unnati
Cc: Winsor.Leah
Subject: FW: [DUE COB JUNE 8]: For Review/Approval: DM trip to Washington JUNE 17th-18th, 2018

Unnati, I think one note for your guys is more important than the others – the one Fraser will attend with USCIS and which is supposed to be entirely focussed on each side exchanging notes

Can you guys take a look at it and provide more details?

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To: Grainger.Steve <Steve.Grainger@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: [DUE COB JUNE 8]: For Review/Approval: DM trip to Washington JUNE 17th-18th, 2018
Importance: High

Hi Steve- a fresh Friday tasking for your action please – merci (see blue highlight).

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Thanks,

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From: Leduc.Sandra
Sent: June 12, 2018 5:58 PM
To: Valentine.Fraser; Baril.Andre; Vasavada.Unnati
Subject: FW: draft agenda - DM meeting
Attachments: IRCC-USCIS Meeting_Agenda_06.18.2018.doc

FYI, this is an early draft of the USCIS meeting, as provided to us by the US. Let's talk tomorrow,
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From: Chao.Kim
Sent: June 13, 2018 4:14 PM
To: Thompson.Lorra; Leduc.Sandra
Cc: Baril.Andre; Vasavada.Unnati; Savard.Lise
Subject: USCIS Note for Washington trip

Hi Lorra and Sandra,

Fraser has approved this note for the meeting with USCIS. Could you please add it to your folder?

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Thanks,

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David MacNaughton, Ambassador of Canada to the United States

Canada's Ambassador to the United States of America, Mr. David MacNaughton, presented his credentials to President Obama on March 3, 2016.

As a seasoned entrepreneur and political strategist, Mr. MacNaughton brings a unique set of skills and experiences to his new role as Ambassador.

In the 1980s, Mr. MacNaughton transformed the public affairs industry by building an organization that comprised government relations, public opinion research and public relations. After selling his business in 1989, Mr. MacNaughton became President of Canada's largest government and public relations firm and subsequently North American President of the world's largest public relations firm. From 1995 until 2003, Mr. MacNaughton was President of Strathshore Financial and was an advisor to one of Canada's leading investment banks.

Mr. MacNaughton's public sector experience includes work at both the federal and provincial levels, including as advisor to the Minister at the Departments of Transport, Industry and Foreign Affairs. He was principal secretary to the Premier of Ontario from 2003 to 2005 and the Chairman of StrategyCorp from 2005 until his appointment.

Active in community affairs, Mr. MacNaughton has served on the boards of the North York General Hospital, the Stratford Festival, the National Ski Academy, TV Ontario, the Toronto French School and the Toronto International Film Festival.

Mr. MacNaughton is married and has four daughters..

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Kirsten Hillman, Deputy Ambassador of Canada to the United States

Ms. Kirsten Hillman is Canada's Deputy Ambassador to the United States.

Previously, she served as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Trade Agreements and Negotiations Branch at Global Affairs Canada, where she was responsible for leading the Government of Canada team in conducting exploratory trade discussions with China in addition to overseeing Canada's trade negotiations agenda.

Prior to this position, she held the position of Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of the Trade Agreements and Negotiations and Canada's Chief Negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and Director General of the Trade Negotiations Bureau.

Ms. Hillman served as the Senior Legal Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the World Trade Organization (WTO), and Director of the Technical Barriers and Regulations Division. Ms. Hillman worked for a number of years in the Legal Branch at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, first in the Oceans and Environmental Law Division and then in the Trade Law Bureau. During her years in trade law, Ms. Hillman represented Canada as lead counsel before panels and the Appellate Body of the wto and managed Canada's international investor-state arbitration under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Ms. Hillman has significant experience in international dispute resolution and was appointed by the Director General of the WTO to serve as arbitrator in a dispute between New Zealand and Australia.

Prior to becoming a public servant, Ms. Hillman practised law in Montreal in the area of commercial litigation. Ms. Hillman holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba and a Bachelor of Civil Law and a Bachelor of Common Law from McGill University.

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Overview of Meeting
With Canadian Embassy based Liaison Officers for Public Safety, CBSA and the RCMP

KEY MESSAGES

- Thank you for gathering with me this afternoon. I've enjoyed a great program here in Washington today, and would like to thank those of you who had a hand in making the day a success.
- I was pleased to take part in a number of discussions throughout the day - including a number focused on issues related to asylum policy and procedures.
- We also spoke about irregular migration, and the recent trends on both sides of the border. As we work to find joint solutions to addressing these pressures, information sharing and collaboration with the US is crucial to better understanding and addressing the recent trends. This is something I know resonates with all of you.
- I would be interested in hearing about your experiences here in Washington, and the unique perspectives that your current positions offer, and would particularly welcome your insight on working together with our US counterparts.

Background:

This meeting is structured as an informal meet-and-greet, with similar sessions having been organized in recent months for other high-level officials, including Malcolm Brown, Deputy Minister, Public Safety and Tina Namiesniowski, Executive Vice-President, CBSA.

Invitees include the following:

Martin Loken – Minister (GAC – Political Affairs)
Benoît Chiquette – Minister Counsellor (CBSA)
Paul Vrbanac – Minister Counsellor (CSIS)
Ron Garson – Minister Counsellor (GAC – Political Affairs)
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Issues:

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A fair number of the liaison officers are up to speed on irregular migration, but would value your perspective as this file continues to evolve.

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Kirstjen Nielsen, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security

On December 5, 2017, Kirstjen Nielsen was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Secretary of Homeland Security, and was sworn in on December 6, 2017.

Prior to this position, Nielsen served as Principal Deputy White House Chief of Staff to President Donald Trump from September 6, 2017 to December 6, 2017, and chief of staff to John F. Kelly during his term as Secretary of Homeland Security from January to July 2017.

Earlier in her career, Secretary Nielsen served during the George W. Bush administration as special assistant to the president and as senior director for prevention, preparedness and response at the White House Homeland Security Council. She also set-up and led as Administrator of Transportation Security Administration's Office of Legislative Policy and Government Affairs.

She was also a senior member of the Resilience Task Force of the Center for Cyber & Homeland Security committee at George Washington University and served on the Global Risks Report Advisory Board of the World Economic Forum.

Secretary Nielsen is the founder and former President of Sunesis Consulting, where she advised senior domestic and foreign government officials and senior private sector officials on cyber and preparedness issues.

Secretary Nielsen graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1999.

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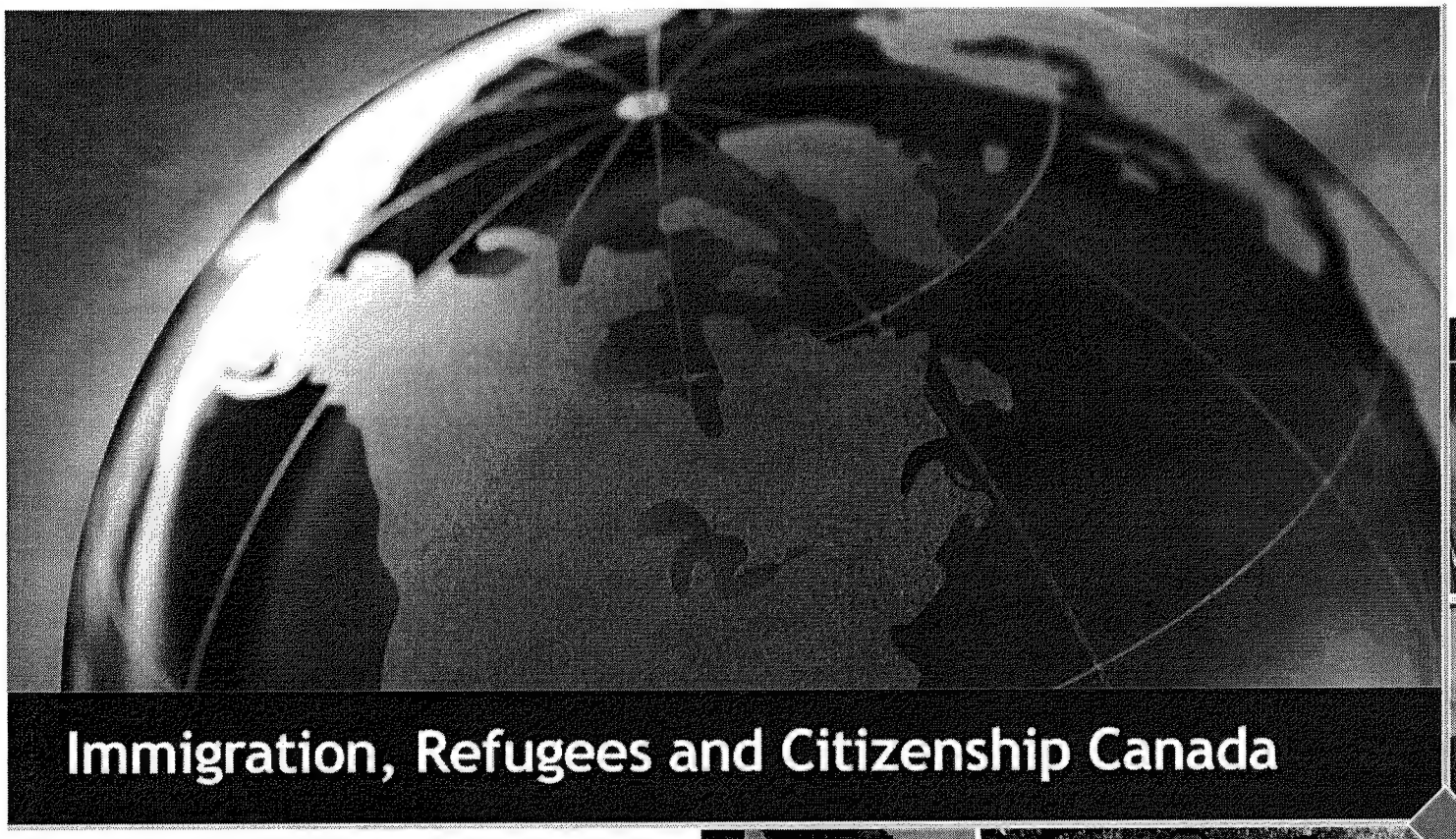

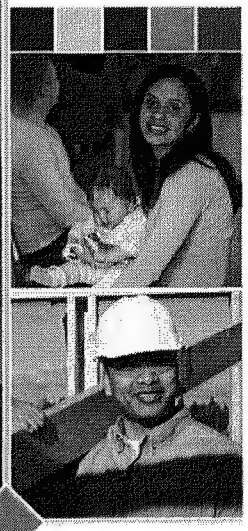

Refugee Resettlement in Canada and Private Sponsorship

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Canada accepts Convention refugees and those in refugee-like situations for humanitarian reasons, according to the following principles:

- Fulfilling Canada's international obligations and commitments to protect refugees and those in need;
- Supporting successful settlement and integration in Canada; and,
- Reuniting refugee families.

Two refugee program streams are the expression of this commitment:

1. Resettlement from overseas
2. In-Canada Asylum System

Both programs offer a path to permanent residence and citizenship

- Settlement and integration programs are key

Canada's refugee intake represents at least 10% of total global resettlement

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Refugee Resettlement: Three Program Streams

Government-Assisted Refugees

- Refugees referred by the **UNHCR** or another referral organization
- **Government** provides income support, settlement services and integration support

Privately Sponsored Refugees

- Refugees referred by **private sponsors** in Canada
- **Private sponsors** provide income support, settlement services and integration support

Blended Visa Office-Referred Refugees

- Refugees referred by the **UNHCR** or another referral organization
- **Private sponsors** and the **government** jointly provide income support, settlement services and integration support

See Appendix 1 for more on Resettlement Program Streams

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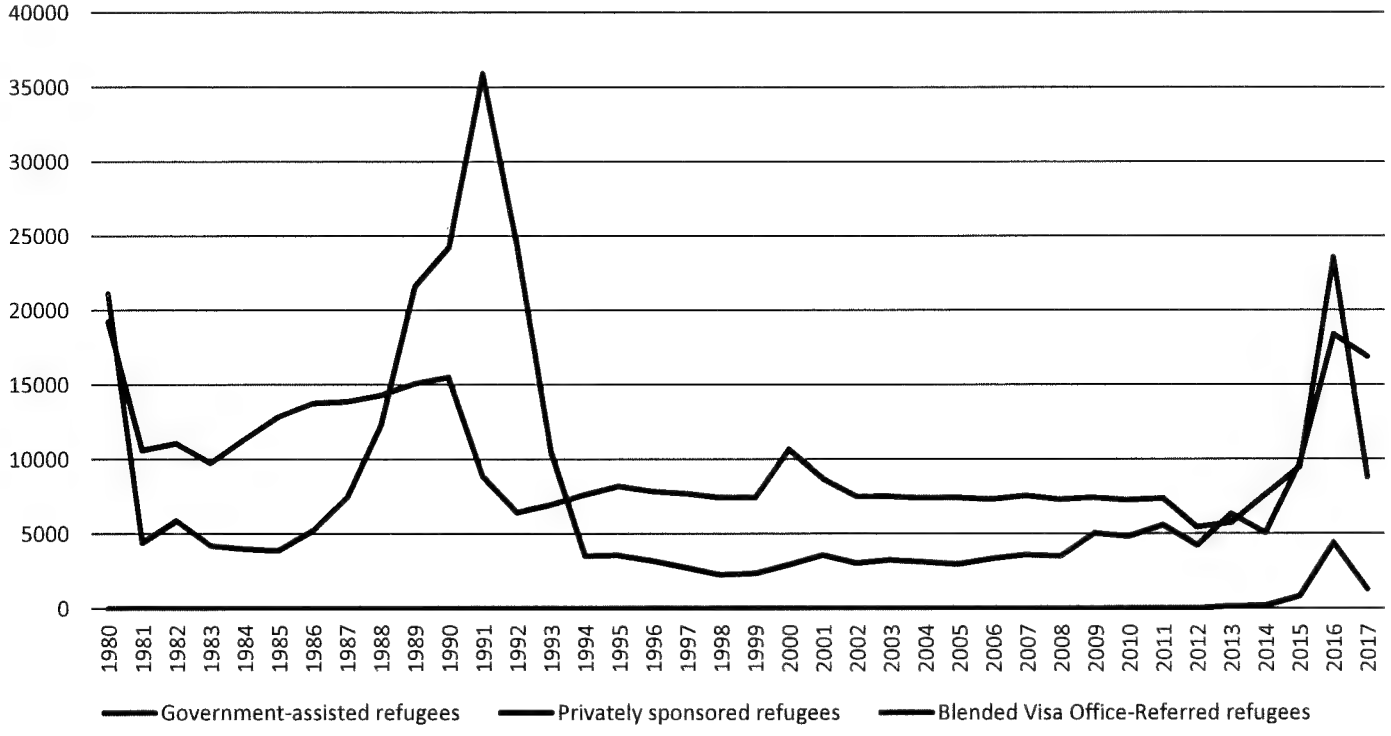
Levels

Admissions of Refugees by Program Stream, 1980 to 2017



(1) Refugees under the Joint Assistance Sponsorship Program are small in number and captured under the GAR totals
(2) Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) refugee admissions began in 2013

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Historic Admissions & 2018 Levels Plan

Admissions	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 Target
Government-Assisted Refugees (GAR)	7,363	5,425	5,722	7,625	9,488	23,624	8,823	7,500
Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSR)	5,534	4,228	6,332	5,071	9,747	18,645	16,873	1,500
Blended visa office-referred refugees (BVOR)*			155	177	811	4,434	1,284	18,000
Total	**12,947**	**9,653**	**12,209**	**12,873**	**20,046**	**46,703**	**26,980**	**27,000**

Source: IRCC, Permanent Residents, April 30, 2017 Data.

* Blended visa office-referred refugee admissions began in 2013

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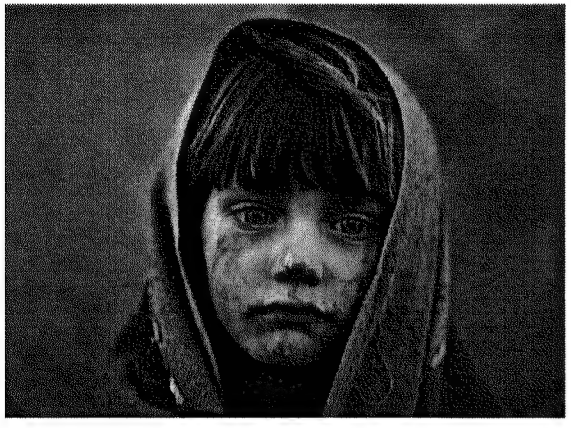
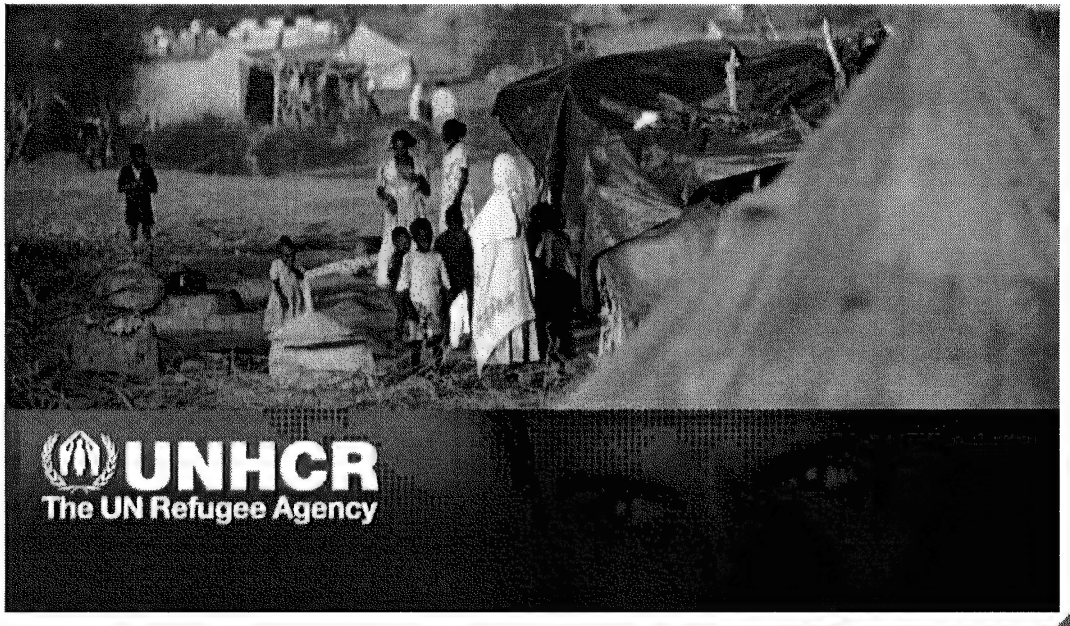
[illegible]ees (GAR)

- Refugees are referred by UNHCR who determine the most vulnerable in need of resettlement.
- UNHCR is uniquely placed around the world to identify refugees that are the most vulnerable, have no other prospects of durable solutions; UNHCR thus refers refugees most in need.
- Upon arrival in Canada, refugees receive immediate and essential services and 12 months income support from the government.





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Multi-Year Commitments

- Multi-year refugee resettlement commitments demonstrate Canada's commitment to respond to priority refugee situations.
- Since 2012, in addition to the recent Syrian commitment, Canada has completed multi-year commitments to Bhutanese, Iraqi, Colombian, and Congolese refugees as well as a mixed refugee populations hosted in Turkey.
- While prior nationality-specific commitments have enabled more predictable planning, a **regional approach** has now been adopted to provide the right **balance** between **predictability** and the **flexibility** required to process cases where the need is greatest and inventories are highest.
- New commitments have been made for the three-year period of 2018-2020: up to 10,000 government-supported refugees from the Middle East and up to 10,000 refugees from Africa.
- The new multi-year commitments account for approximately 70% of available levels space for government-supported refugees over three years. The remaining space in any given year is allocated to UNHCR-identified priority populations.
- UNHRC-identified priorities for Canada, the existing processing inventory, and Government of Canada priorities are among the factors considered in determining multi-year commitments.

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Private Sponsorship: A Hybrid Approach

- The **Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Program** allows for private sponsorship of refugees referred to Canada by the UNHCR.
  - The government and the sponsor each provide six months of income support, plus the sponsor provides one year of emotional and social support.
  - Refugees resettled through the BVOR Program are generally without family connections in Canada.
  - This program allows the government and sponsor to share settlement costs while providing refugees with the full benefits of a sponsor's support.
- The **Joint Assistance Sponsorship Program** matches Government-Assisted Refugees with high needs (e.g. medical) with sponsors who provide significant settlement support, while the government continues to pay income support for up to 36 months.

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Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program

- Private sponsors are groups of Canadian citizens and permanent residents, and may include family members of the refugee who are already in Canada.
- Canada has a strong and unique tradition of private sponsorship, beginning with the Indo-Chinese movement in the late 1970s.
- The private sponsorship program officially began in 1978 and allowed Canadians to get involved in the resettlement of vulnerable refugees.
- Of the more than 60,000 people that found refuge in Canada in 1979-1980 after the Vietnam War, over half were supported by private sponsorship groups.
- Between 1980 and 2017, Canada welcomed **318,400** privately sponsored refugees (1)

(1) Source : 197,994 (1980-1997) and 74,777 (1998-2015) from the Government of Canada open data http://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/ad975a26-df23-456a-8ada-756191a23695 and 18,646 (2016) recorded by IRCC Data Protocol Unit, 28 July 2017.

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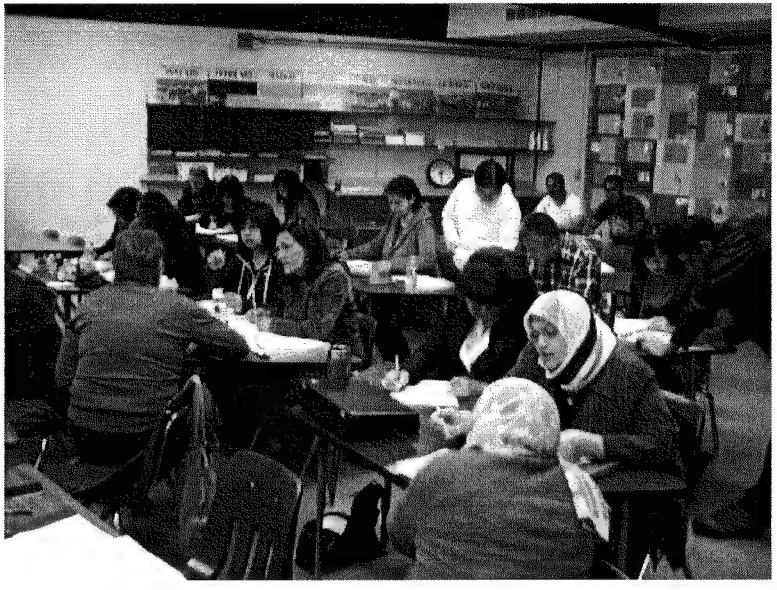
Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSR)

- Refugees are referred by private sponsors in Canada (mostly faith-based, ethnic or humanitarian organizations) and receive income and settlement support from their sponsor for up to one year.
- Private Sponsorship:
  - Builds **welcoming communities**;
  - Creates **strong support networks** for current and future refugees; and
  - Helps **maintain public and political support** for refugee/immigration issues.



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Private Sponsorship: Who Is Eligible

Who Can Be Sponsored?

People who have a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion

OR

People who are seriously and personally affected by civil war or armed conflict, or suffered massive violations of human rights

AND :

- Are outside of country of origin;
- Are outside of Canada; and
- Have no other durable solution (e.g. voluntary repatriation, local integration).

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Private Sponsorship Program Overview

- Refugee cases are identified by the sponsoring groups themselves, sometimes through a family or community connection.
- Cases are assessed by a Canadian visa officer and must meet the definition of a refugee as defined in Canada's legislation.
- The Canadian government covers the cost of in-depth security and health screening, processing sponsorship and refugee applications, sponsors cover immediate settlement costs, and refugees generally receive a loan to pay for their travel costs.
- Upon arrival in Canada, refugees receive permanent resident status, and a pathway to citizenship.
- Refugees, like other newcomers, can immediately access government-funded settlement services (e.g. language training, employment readiness).
- Private sponsorship allows Canada to support larger resettlement targets than otherwise possible (i.e PSR is in "addition" to what gov't does).

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Private Sponsorship: Arrival Supports

- Sponsors provide:
  - Emotional and social support for one year, including:
    - Welcome at the airport and temporary accommodation;
    - Orientation to their new community and life in Canada;
    - Registering for essential services (e.g. obtaining a health card, enrolling children in school, and accessing other settlement services);
    - Assistance finding permanent housing; and,
    - Assistance finding employment.
  - Monthly income support for one year or until the refugee becomes self-sufficient, whichever is sooner.

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Section on World University Service of Canada

- World University Service of Canada (WUSC) operates through the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder.
- Since 1978, WUSC's Student Refugee Program has helped student refugees achieve their educational goals by:
  - building the capacity of young Canadians to sponsor refugee students to their university or college;
  - providing student refugees with an opportunity to pursue their education at a Canadian university or college with permanent resident status; and,
  - supporting sponsored students to adapt and succeed in their new environment in Canada.
- From countries of origin as diverse as Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, Burma and Afghanistan, most students have successfully completed their studies and are now Canadian citizens making valuable contributions to their communities.

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Helping Refugees to Integrate

- Many resettled refugees face barriers to integration.
  - Low official language skills, limited formal education
  - Difficulty accessing affordable housing
  - Range of health issues as a result of migration experience (e.g., trauma, mental illness)
- Economic integration can be challenging
  - Limited work experience and social/professional networks can lead to low employment earnings, especially shortly after arrival, but economic outcomes improve over time
- Yet social integration outcomes have generally been strong

The resettlement program not only provides protection to those in need, but contributes to a strong and diverse Canada

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Other Supports Available to Refugees

- The Government of Canada funds a large Settlement Program to assist newcomers – including resettled refugees – in overcoming barriers specific to the newcomer experience. The Settlement Program:
  - Provides newcomers with **information** required to make informed decisions, the **language skills** to achieve their settlement and integration goals, assistance in finding and retaining **employment**, and the support they need to build **networks** within communities; and
  - Is available both pre- and post-arrival.
- Resettled refugees also receive access to:
  - **Mainstream public services** including education, health care, etc.
  - **Supplemental medical coverage** (e.g. vision and dental care) for the first year.
- After the first year – during which income support is provided by the sponsor or the government – resettled refugees have access to social assistance (income support for low income families) if required.

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Benefits of Private Sponsorship Program (1)

- The Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program maintains and advances Canada's humanitarian traditions.
- Cost sharing between the government and sponsors allows **protection** to be extended to more refugees than would otherwise be admitted to Canada.
- Private sponsorship allows Canadian citizens and permanent residents to get involved in the resettlement of vulnerable persons. This in turn:
  - Builds **welcoming communities**;
  - Creates **strong support networks** for current and future refugees; and
  - Helps **maintain public and political support** for refugee/immigration issues
- With refugees named by the private sponsors, the program:
  - Supports **family reunification**;
  - Allows Canadians and Permanent Residents to play a direct role in determining the focal points of Canada's resettlement policy; and,
  - **Relieves pressure on UNHCR** to identify cases for resettlement, provides alternative cases that may have been missed by the UNHCR.

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Benefits of Private Sponsorship Program (2)

- Sponsors frequently play a direct role in linking refugees with essential services and **gaining a foothold in the labour market** by:
  - Providing a source of information on Canadian workplace norms; and
  - Assisting with networking, searching for jobs and completing the application process.
- With the **dedicated and personalized support** provided by sponsors, generally privately sponsored refugees (PSRs) have demonstrated **stronger settlement outcomes** overall than government-assisted refugees (GARs)
  - PSRs perform better economically at least over the first 3 years of settlement, with higher incidence of employment and higher incomes, and lower incidence of reliance on social assistance (1); and
  - PSRs are more likely to develop social support networks in Canada than GARs.

(1) Source: The Economic Integration of Refugees in Canada: A Mixed Record? by Lori Wilkinson and Joseph Garcea (2017) page 17 http://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/economic-integration-refugees-canada-mixed-record

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Lessons Learned (1)

- Working with **trusted partners** – well-established NGOs with a history of sponsorship and settlement work – increases program efficiency and ensures appropriate settlement supports are in place.
  - The government signs formal agreements with select incorporated organizations, 'Sponsorship Agreement Holders' (SAHs). SAHs must demonstrate they have the financial resources and settlement knowledge to support refugees. SAHs generally submit many sponsorship applications every year and are responsible for all sponsorships under their agreement. This allows the government to use a 'light touch' approach to assessing their applications.
  - NGOs that already provide settlement or other services to newcomers and refugees, as well as faith-based or ethno-cultural organizations, are likely candidates to become SAHs.
  - Other groups (e.g. five or more people working together or another organization) may also sponsor refugees. Their applications are assessed by the government with a higher level of scrutiny.

See Appendix 3 for more on Types of Sponsors

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Lessons Learned (2)

- **High quality sponsorship applications** are key to ensuring efficient processing of cases.
  - The government funds an NGO – the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program – to address ongoing information, training and support needs of sponsors. Of note, RSTP develops and provides reference materials and workshops to sponsors.
  - For sponsorship applications submitted by groups other than SAHs, the sponsor must include a refugee status determination (UNHCR or other) in their application. This has decreased the number of cases refused due to the applicant not meeting the definition of a refugee.
- Open channels of **communication** with private sponsors ensure critical information is shared and expectations are managed.
  - Government officials meet regularly with elected representatives from the SAH community.

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Lessons Learned (3)

- While privately sponsored refugees receive assistance from sponsors to find employment, refugees may still require more than one year to become self-sufficient and **appropriate supports must be available**.
  - For refugees who required sustained income support following their first year in Canada, this support is provided through social assistance. Continued access to settlement services, including education and job training, is also critical to support the transition to self-reliance.
  - Sponsors need to be adequately informed of available services and how refugees are able to access them.
  - Government support has been necessary during the first year in a small number of cases where the sponsorship has broken down.

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Private Sponsorship Resource Materials

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Publication:

Guide to the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/pub/ref-sponsor.pdf
Website to sponsor a refugee: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/sponsor/index.asp

Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP) Publications:

Handbook for sponsoring groups: http://rstp.ca/en/resources/handbook-for-sponsoring-groups/

Factsheets:

Become a sponsor: http://rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/10factsheet2.1.pdf
Who can be sponsored: http://rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/15factsheet3.1.pdf
Joint Assistance Sponsorship of Refugees: http://rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/40factsheet9.pdf
Blended Visa-Office Referred Refugees: http://rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/blendedpamphlet2013.pdf

Brochures:

How to become a Sponsorship Agreement Holder: http://rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/becomingsah2014.pdf
Community Sponsors: http://rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/engagingcsmarch2014.pdf
Groups of Five: http://rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/g5brochureapril2014.pdf
Joint Assistance Sponsorship of Refugees: http://rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/jasfeb2012.pdf

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Appendix 1: Resettlement Program Streams

Government-Assisted Refugees	•Referred by the UNHCR based on vulnerability and priorities established by IRCC. •Receive Resettlement Assistance Program from the Government of Canada. (or Quebec's equivalent program), which covers initial arrival services, start-up costs and annual income support.
Joint Assistance Sponsorship Refugees	•Cases are referred by UNHCR; from the GAR caseload, visa officers or local IRCC staff identify high-needs cases and refer them for matching with a sponsor. Matching can be done pre- or post-arrival in Canada. •Sharing of settlement support between government (income support) and private sponsors (additional settlement support).
Blended Visa Office-Referred Refugees	•Cases are referred by UNHCR; from the GAR caseload, visa officers identify cases for matching with a sponsor. •Sharing of settlement costs between private sponsors (settlement support and six months income support) and government (six months income support).
Privately Sponsored Refugees	•Cases referred by and settlement support provided by private sponsors. •Government of Canada completes processing of sponsorship application and refugee application.

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Appendix 2 : Types of Sponsors in the PSR Program

1) **Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs):**
   - Are incorporated organizations with experience in refugee sponsorship and settlement and who intend on regularly submitting numerous sponsorship applications;
   - Have signed a formal sponsorship agreement with IRCC, at which time IRCC assessed their financial resources and settlement knowledge in order to ensure they can effectively take responsibility for all the sponsorships they undertake; and
   - Are mostly faith-based, humanitarian or ethno-cultural groups who work with Constituent Groups – groups of individuals in the community of settlement who will be the direct providers of the settlement support.
2) **Group of Five (G5):**
   - Are groups of five or more Canadians or permanent residents, 18 years of age or older with no criminal background; and
   - Will provide the full financial and settlement support.
3) **Community Sponsors**:
   - Are organizations, associations or corporations located in the community of settlement; and
   - Will provide the full financial and settlement support

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Appendix 3: The Settlement Plan

- Settlement Plans outline how sponsors will provide the necessary support to the refugee(s) post-arrival.
- These plans are required and the government assesses them to ensure sufficient support will be in place for the refugee(s).
- A settlement check list asks:
  - How will basic need be met?
    - Start-up costs (clothing, food, furniture), including in-kind deductions
    - Temporary and permanent accommodation
    - Monthly expenditures (shelter, transportation, living expenses)
    - Settlement assistance (airport pick-up, interpreter arrangement, enrolling for provincial health care and other services)
  - How are volunteer responsibilities divided?
  - To which settlement agencies will the refugee be referred?
  - What contingency plans are in place?

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Appendix 4: Required Financial Support

Sponsors are required to demonstrate the following minimum level of financial support:

Family Size	12 Months of Income Support	Start-up Costs	Estimated Total Annual Settlement Cost
1	$9,800	$2,800	$12,600
2	$16,800	$4,400	$21,200
3	$17,700	$5,300	$23,000
4	$20,000	$7,000	$27,000
5	$22,500	$7,200	$29,700
6	$24,500	*$8,000*	$32,500
Additional Member	$1,550	$1,000	$2,500

Source: Appendix A – Financial Guidelines, Refugee Sponsorship Application Guide (IMM5413)

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Appendix 5: Admissibility

- Resettled refugees, like all immigrants and visitors to Canada, are subject to admissibility screening based on:
  - Security and criminality;
  - Biometric Identification; and
  - Medical (i.e. threat to public health and public safety)
- However, resettled refugees are <u>exempt</u> from select admissibility criteria, notably:
  - Financial inadmissibility (i.e. ability to support oneself financially); and
  - "Excessive demand" on health or social services, defined as:
    - a) a demand on health services or social services for which the anticipated costs would likely exceed average Canadian per capita health services and social services costs over a period of five consecutive years; or
    - b) a demand on health services or social services that would add to existing waiting lists and would increase the rate of mortality and morbidity in Canada.

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Appendix 6: Supports provided by Private Sponsors

- Welcoming newcomers at the airport;
- Providing the cost of food, rent and household utilities and other day-to-day living expenses;
- Providing clothing, furniture and other household goods;
- Locating interpreters;
- Selecting a family physician and dentist;
- Assisting with applying for provincial health care coverage and the supplementary coverage under Canada's Interim Federal Health Program;
- Enrolling children in school and adults in language and/or training;
- Introducing newcomers to community networks and people with similar personal interests;
- Providing orientation with regard to banking services, transportation, etc.; and,
- Helping in the search for employment.

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Appendix 7 – BVOR Program Process Map

Case Identification:

Canadian visa officers abroad identify cases from UNHCR referrals. Cases are generally ones where the refugee does not already have connections in Canada and is open to receiving support from a sponsor instead of the government.

Matching:

Cases, stripped of personal information, are posted to a website visible only to refugee sponsors (posted for a maximum of 90 days). Sponsors select a case they wish to sponsor and submit a sponsorship application for IRCC's assessment.

Cases that were not sponsored are processed under the Government-Assisted Refugee Program; upon arrival in Canada, they receive support from the government.

Travel:

The destination of refugees accepted under the BVOR program is determined by the sponsors' location in Canada. That information is sent abroad for travel arrangements to be made by the International Organization for Migration and the sponsor is advised of refugee's date of arrival in Canada.

Arrival and Support:

Sponsored refugees arrive and are welcomed by the sponsoring group.

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Discuss Immigration Collaboration and Information Sharing Efforts

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen today met with the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship for Canada Ahmed Hussen in Washington, D.C to reaffirm their commitment to working together on immigration and border security issues. She was joined by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director L. Francis Cissna and representatives from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

As part of ongoing dialogue between both governments, Secretary Nielsen and Minister Hussen discussed bilateral collaboration on immigration, visa, and traveler

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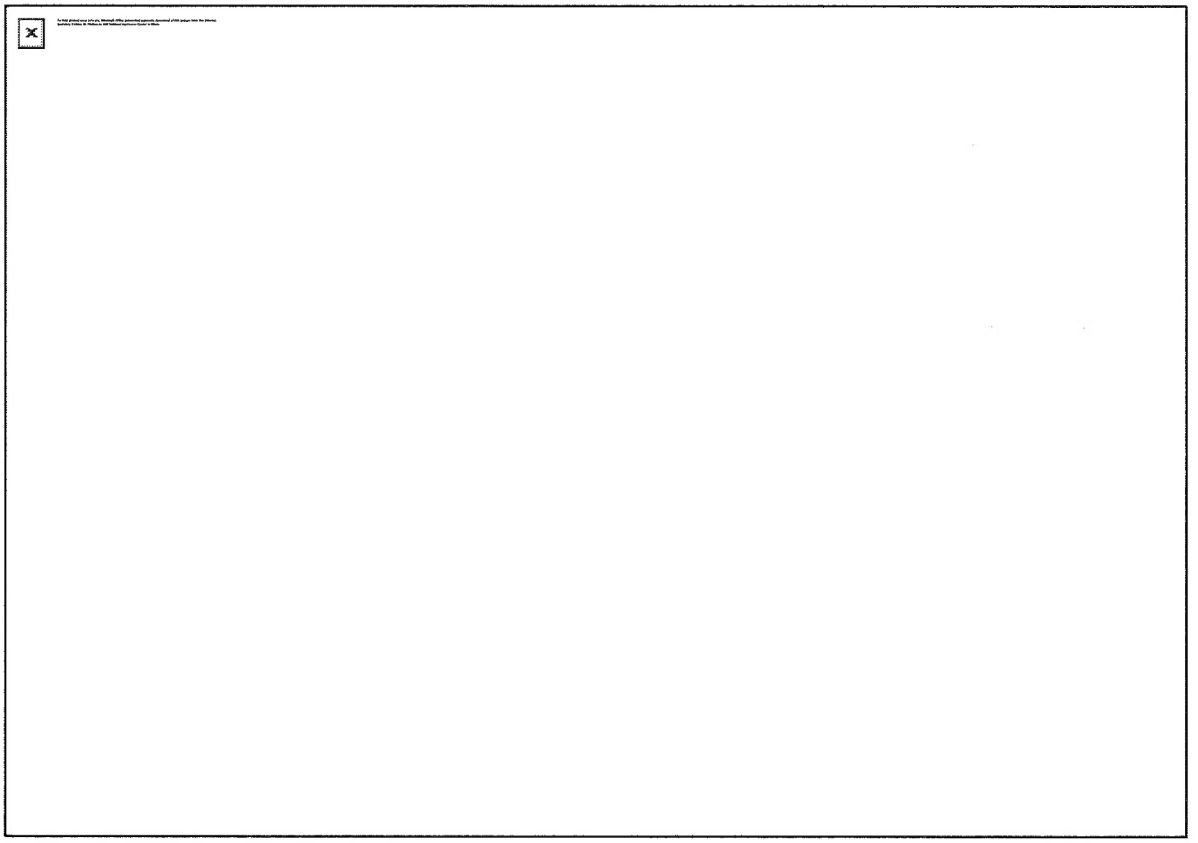
screening policies, as well as migration challenges faced by each country.

During the meeting, Secretary Nielsen and Minister Hussen agreed that the integrity of our countries' immigration systems and asylum processes is of shared importance. More specifically, the Secretary and Minister expressed their shared interest in mitigating misuse of visas, or visa exempt processes, to gain entry into the other country. Secretary Nielsen noted that if you enter the United States on a valid visa and apply for asylum in Canada, you are likely to find your U.S. visa revoked and your ability to travel impeded.

Secretary Nielsen also reaffirmed the Department's commitment to working with Canada to monitor and analyze the cross-border migration flows along the shared border.



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